

SOME DISCORD BETWEEN BULGARS AND GERMANS

Heavy Fighting Continues on the Southern Russian Front and Advances Are Being Made. Still Rumored the Germanic Forces Will Attack Allies at Salonika, but the Bulgarians Refuse to Join the Campaign Unless it Means More Than Driving the Allies From That Point—Athens Disturbed Over Arrest of German Consuls by French and Retaliation Is Reported—Martial Law to Be Declared in Greece—Jap Warships Are Making for War Zone—Germans Taken From American Ships Released—A Japanese Freighter and Two British Steamers Were Sunk.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 3.—Heavy fighting continues on the extreme southern Russian front, where General Ivanhoff is gaining ground with his heavy offensive movements. On the other theaters there is little activity.
Reports continue that the central allies are about to attack Saloniki, but Bulgaria continues to refuse to participate in such a campaign unless it promises more than the expulsion of the ententes from Saloniki.
Athens gives serious thought to the arrest of the Germanic allies' consuls by the French, and it is reported from Sofia that the French consul there has been arrested in retaliation.
Athens reports say martial law will be declared in Greece on Jan. 15, and a parliament session will be called for the 17th to confirm the order.

Jap Warships to War Zone.
(By Associated Press.)
Tokio, Jan. 3.—A newspaper announces that a squadron of Japanese warships sailed for the Suez Canal, presumably to protect Japanese shipping. This reported decision follows the sinking of two Japanese ships by submarines in the Mediterranean.

Release German Passengers.
(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 3.—The state department was notified today the French government had ordered the release of the Germans taken from American ships in Porto Rican waters, in response to the United States representations.

CHANGED HIS MIND SAYS HENRY FORD

Says European People Themselves Responsible for Bringing on the Conflict.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 3.—Henry Ford, who led the peace expedition which left here Dec. 4 on the steamship Oscar II for Copenhagen in the hope of bringing about a conference of neutral nations that would end the war, arrived here Sunday on the steamer Bergensfjord. He confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness, but said it made a difference of only a few days, as he intended when he left to come back this month.

Mr. Ford declared his views regarding the cause of the war have undergone a marked change. When he left, he said he was of the opinion that the bankers, manufacturers of munitions and armament were responsible, but he returns with the belief that it is the people themselves, those now being slaughtered who are responsible. The men doing the fighting have been too content to let those who rule them do their thinking, and they have not taken advantage of their divine right to say for themselves what they shall do and think, the pacifist asserted.

Ford's Wife Made Him Vote.
"Republics are no better than monarchies in this respect," he said. "Even in the United States we let those whom we have selected to office be swayed from their duty. We do not assert ourselves. Personally I have been a voter thirty-three years and in all that time I have voted only

six times, and then because my wife made me."

Of the eventual success of the peace mission, Mr. Ford declares he had no doubt.
"The movement is now organized and under way," he said, "people are talking about it and while some criticize, when the people talk they think, and when they think they think right."
Mr. Ford's future plans with respect to the peace expedition were uncertain, he said. While he had several ideas in mind, he deemed it too early to speak of them. He left the party in charge of Gaston Plantiff, he said, in accordance with his original plans, and despite all reports to the contrary when the party left the Oscar II it was as harmonious as could be desired.

DEAD CHILDREN FOUND IN WELL

(By Associated Press.)
Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 3.—The bodies of Ellen Thompson, aged 9, and her brother Edward, aged 5, who disappeared New Year's Day, were today found in an abandoned well.

BOUGHT NEW FORDS.

Johnson & Rohde, proprietors of the Johnson & Rohde Garage of this city, have delivered a fully equipped five-passenger Ford touring cars to M. B. Parker and one to Howell & Co., wholesale grocers.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Albert Price and Miss Callie Logan, R. J. Upchurch and Mrs. Lee Howard, Oscar Harrison and Annie Hamilton.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE LAMAR IS DEAD

Had Been on U. S. Supreme Bench Five Years—Appointed by President Taft.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 3.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, died at his home here last night after an illness of several months. He was 58 years of age and had been on the supreme bench five years.

Associate Justice Joseph Rucker Lamar had the distinction of being one of the few members of the court appointed by a president of opposite political faith. President Taft appointed him in 1910 with only two precedents for such action, those of Justices Jackson and Lurton.

Admitted to Bar in Augusta in 1878.
Justice Lamar was born in Ruckersville, Elbert County, Georgia, Oct. 14, 1857. He attended the University of Georgia and later Bethany College, where he graduated in 1877. He attended the law school at Washington and Lee University and was admitted to the bar at Augusta, Ga., in 1878. He lived at Augusta until appointed to the supreme court bench.

Coming from distinguished Southern stock, he was one of the few men whose family had previously had a representative on the bench. The justice was a cousin of Associate Justice L. Q. C. Lamar of Mississippi, who served on the bench from 1888 to 1893.

He was honored by his state by many positions for which his learning and ability as a lawyer fitted him. First he was a member of the Georgia house of representatives, and in 1892 was appointed by the supreme court of Georgia as one of the commissioners to prepare a code of laws for the state, which code was adopted by the general assembly in 1895. He was again honored on Jan. 1, 1901, by appointment to fill an unexpired term as associate justice of the Georgia supreme court and was elected to the same position at the ensuing election. In 1905 he resigned to resume the practice of law.

Justice Lamar will be buried at Augusta, Ga., the funeral train leaving Washington Tuesday.

PRESIDENT CUTS HIS HONEYMOON

Will Hurry to Washington Over Developments in International Situation.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 3.—President Wilson will cut short his honeymoon and leave Hot Springs tonight for here because of new developments in the international situation, caused by the sinking of the Persia.

Consular dispatches from Alexandria mentioned that the Persia carried a gun. While the presence of a gun might cause discussions which would cloud the issue, the position of the gun would determine if it is to be a factor. The United States has held that guns mounted on the stern do not make a vessel armed. The situation is described as paralleling the crisis caused by the sinking of the Arabic close on Germany's assurance in response to representations on the Lusitania.

Charge Zweidenek of the Austrian embassy called on Secretary of State Lansing today and asked that judgment on the Persia be withheld till all the facts are in, also assuring him if an Austrian submarine sank the Persia, Austria would give full reparation and satisfaction.

PRICE-LOGAN.

Mr. Albert Price and Miss Callie Logan, both of Wellborn, were quietly united in marriage at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. W. J. Mead of this city officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Logan, a well known family of Wellborn and is a young lady with quite a large number of friends who rejoice in her happiness.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Price, also a prominent family of Wellborn and is a prosperous young farmer. The friends of the young couple extend best wishes for great happiness.

SITUATION CRITICAL AS CONGRESS MEETS

Strained Relations With Austria on Tongue of Every One and Situation Considered Grave.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress reassembled today in the midst of an international situation, which rival leaders admitted last night is one of the most critical that has confronted the nation. Returning members talked of little but consequences that might result from the sinking of the British steamer Persia, in the Mediterranean with loss of American life, and the strained diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria.

Although administration leaders were uniformly inclined to proceed cautiously, and to await positive information there was a general feeling of uneasiness among senators and representatives over the gravity of foreign affairs.

Stone Saw Lansing and Will Meet the President.

Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, conferred with Secretary Lansing at the state department Monday, and will seek a conference with President Wilson before a meeting of the committee is held Wednesday to begin consideration of matters pertaining to the nation's diplomatic affairs. It seems assured that the committee will take up the resolution submitted by Senator Hoke Smith calling for an inquiry into Great Britain's interference with neutral commerce, and the amendment by Senator Lodge to investigate destruction of the Lusitania and other acts by belligerents resulting in destruction of American lives.

"Of course, we must consider those resolutions," said Senator Stone tonight. "They are on the calendar, and must be disposed of. I do not know the sentiment of the committee, but I see no objection to congress having all information called for in the resolution of Senator Smith or the amendment by Senator Lodge."

"I talked to Secretary Lansing about the sinking of the Persia, but we can do nothing with that until we get all the facts."

PRESIDENT WILSON IS IN WASHINGTON

Goes Right Into Disturbed Conditions, Taking Hold With a Firm Hand.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson returned this morning from his honeymoon and immediately began investigating the sinking of the Persia. He conferred with Secretary of State Lansing and Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee, and in the absence of detailed information on which to base the next step, canceled the cabinet meeting to have been held today.

Secretary Lansing was instructed to gather all the information available on the sinking.

A statement was issued from the White House that President Wilson and Secretary Lansing were "taking every possible means to obtain the cold facts and will act as soon as the information is obtained."

ABILENE SUFFERS BIG FIRE LOSS

(By Associated Press.)
Abilene, Tex., Jan. 4.—Fire at noon today did \$20,000 damages. The opera house was destroyed.

PROBE ON WOMEN GAMBLING.

Dallas County Grand Jury Charged on Point.

(By Associated Press.)
Dallas, Tex., Jan. 4.—The county grand jury Monday was charged to investigate gambling among fashionable Dallas women along with a general inquiry into gaming by Judge Robert B. Seay of the criminal district court. It is not known what evidence, if any, is ready for submission to the grand jury.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

M. F. Dansby to I. J. and J. L. Holligan, 101 acres of land in the Richardson Perry league in Brazos County; consideration \$2,000.

VAST INCREASE MADE IN SCARCELY TWO MONTHS

To Avoid Conscription Nearly Three Million Englishmen Enlisted for Service in Less Than Two Months—Russians Improve Their positions and Seem to Be Concentrating to Retake Kovel—Russian Victory May Cause Austrians to Evacuate Czernowitz—Vivid Description of Sinking of Persia By an American Who was on Board, but Was Rescued. He Said Passengers Were at Lunch and Thought Torpedo Explosion Was a Bursting Boiler—But Little Fighting and No Results in the West.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 4.—Lord Derby's recruiting plan between Oct. 23 and Dec. 15 netted 1,150,000 single men, and 1,679,000 married men for service.

RUSSIA COMING BACK.

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The Russians have checked the German advance from Kolki and have improved their positions along the Kovel Railroad. This indicates the Russians are concentrating to take Kovel, an important communication point between the Austrians and Germans, according to the war critics.

There is great activity on the left bank of the Styry River, in which the Austrians are storming.

The Russians' capture of the height of Czernowitz may lead to the evacuation of that city by the Austrians. This is the most important fighting on all the war theaters.

Story of Eye-Witness.

(By Associated Press.)
Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 4.—Charles Grant of Boston, one of two known Americans on the Persia, has arrived here, giving the most detailed account of the sinking. He said most of the passengers were lunching when the

steamer sank and many thought the torpedo explosion was a boiler bursting. There was no panic. The passengers marched to the life boats as in a drill, but as the vessel was listing, it was impossible to launch the starboard boats. The last he saw of the Persia her bow was in the air five minutes after the explosion. He floated on wreckage till 4 o'clock next morning, and when picked up by life boats, rowed three hours to the frequented paths of steamships, and was later picked up by a cruiser, which soon found the four other life boats.

No Results in West.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 4.—There is great artillery activity in Voges, near Harman-Weilerkopf, which is the only fighting in the western section. Paris reports the failure of a German grenade attack west of Zabur.

Resigned British Cabinet.

(By Associated Press.)
London, Jan. 4.—It was announced in the house of commons today that Sir John Simon, secretary of state for home affairs, had resigned. His position is against conscription, according to the general impression.

ROAD BOND DEAL FINALLY CLOSED

Purchased by Bryan's Three Banks and Money Paid to County.

(By Associated Press.)
A called meeting of the commissioners' court was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with Judge Maloney presiding and a full attendance of the commissioners. Major L. L. McInnis of the First National Bank and A. W. Wilkerson of the City National Bank were also present as representatives of their banks.

Judge Maloney reported that the money for the \$400,000 good roads bonds had been received, thereby closing the deal for the bonds which were purchased by the three banks of this city. The purchase was made some time ago, but the deal was not closed until today. They were sold for par and accrued interest.

A resolution was passed by the court that the three banks of Bryan be selected as depositories for the money, one-third, or \$133,333.33 1/3 to be deposited in each bank, the banks being required to furnish a bond covering the amount deposited. The bond of the City National Bank was read and approved by the court. The bonds of the other two banks will be filed with the county clerk within the next five days.

The meeting of the court was still in session when the Eagle went to press.

NEW MISTRESS OF WHITE HOUSE

President's Bride Took Charge Today and Began Plans for Reception.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson took charge of the White House today and began preparing for the Pan-American reception on Jan. 7, which opens the social season.

BURGESS TO QUIT RACE FOR SENATE

Declined to Discuss Question When Seen at the Rice Hotel Saturday.

Friends of Congressman George F. Burgess are in possession of information tending to show that Mr. Burgess will definitely withdraw from the race for the United States senatorship from Texas.

Mr. Burgess, who was in Houston on Saturday, has as yet issued no formal statement as to his withdrawal from the campaign, but it is intimated that upon his return to Washington after the holidays he will issue a statement detailing the reasons for his retirement.

When seen at the Rice hotel by a representative of the Post Saturday afternoon, Congressman Burgess declined to discuss the question of his retirement from the race.—Houston Post.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

Sunday School of Free Baptist Church Selects New Officers.

The regular semi-annual election of officers for the Free Baptist Sunday school was held yesterday morning at the Sunday school services. The following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing six months:

L. M. Gandy, superintendent; C. V. Wheeler and Walter Lowry, assistant superintendents; Miss Emma Edge, recording secretary; Miss Nettie Carson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Mattie Holmes, treasurer; Miss Cora Cloud, organist; Mrs. Hattie Lewis, assistant organist; Miss Lena Wooten, librarian; Miss Ruby Lee Wheeler, assistant librarian.

The installation of the newly elected officers will be held on next Sunday morning, Jan. 9.

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WINNING IN PERSIA AND ON BESSARABIA FRONT

The Russians Are Winning in Persia and Have Begun an Intense Offensive on the Messarabia Front—Constantinople Reports an Allied Naval Attack Was Repulsed at the Dardanells and that an Enemy Aviator Was Brought Down by Artillery Fire—Seventy-Five Thousand Serbian Troops Well Equipped Are at Scutari and Will Not Be Sent to Salonika—American Charitable Organizations Will Ask Permission to Send Condensed Milk to German Babies Through the Red Cross.

[By Associated Press.]
London, Dec. 29.—The Russian army in Persia has occupied the important town of Kashan and is marching toward Ispahan, according to a dispatch from Teheran today.

The Constantinople official report tells of a naval bombardment by the allies of Dardanelles positions. Two of the vessels were struck by Turkish shells, says the statement, and an enemy aviator flying over Ari Burnu was brought down by artillery fire into the sea. The machine was towed away by enemy vessels.

The Russian offensive on the Bessarabia front is growing intense, although Berlin reports say the Austrians have repulsed eight severe attacks.

K. OF P. OFFICERS ELECTED.

At a regular meeting of Bryan Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held in the lodge rooms last night the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing term:

Ed S. Martin, chancellor commander.
Frank McGee, vice chancellor.
Julius Christian, prelate.
Robert S. Webb Jr., master at arms.
J. D. Mann, inner guard.
H. L. McKnight, outer guard.
Robert T. Smith, keeper of records and seal.
J. M. Hare, master of exchequer.
J. B. Reed, master of finance.
J. T. Maloney, trustee.

FATE.

Two shall be born the whole wide world apart.
And speak in different tongues, and have no thought
Each of the other's being, and no heed;
Yet these o'er unknown seas to unknown lands
Shall creep, escaping wreck, defying death,
And all unconsciously shape every act,
And bend each wandering step unto this end,
That one day out of darkness they shall meet
And read Life's meaning in each other's eyes.

But two shall walk some narrow way of life

Serbian at Scutaria.

[By Associated Press.]
Paris, Dec. 29.—Seventy-five thousand Serbian troops, well equipped, are fortified at Scutari and El Bassan in Albania, according to an Athens dispatch, which says it is unlikely they will be moved to Salonika.

Would Ship Milk to Babies.

[By Associated Press.]
Washington, Dec. 29.—A shipment of condensed milk for German babies through the Red Cross is to be asked of France and England by charitable organizations through American ambassadors, according to an announcement made today.

So closely side by side that one turn
Ever so little space to left or right
They needs must stand acknowledged
face to face,
Yet these with groping hands that never clasp,
With wistful eyes that never meet,
and lips
Calling in vain on ears that never hear,
Shall wander all their weary days unknown
And die unsatisfied—and this is Fate.

—Susan Spaulding.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—The prohibition national convention has been set for July 19 in Minneapolis, it was announced today by the national committee.

SIDEWALK WORK SLOW.

The work on the sidewalk on Bryan street still progresses slowly on account of the condition of the weather for the past few days, but with the present change Contractor Hubbard expects to speed things up a little. One or two cars of material have arrived and will be ready for the concrete work as soon as the excavations are completed.

COMPARE HOLIDAY DRINK AND CRIME

Anti-Saloon League Will List All Holiday Crimes to See if Caused By Liquor.

(By Associated Press)

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 30.—A study of the United States holiday drinking with reference to crime is to be made by the National Anti-Saloon League, according to local officers here today. A ten-day period, beginning Christmas Eve, is being watched and offenses all over the continent traceable to alcohol will be classified.

ENGINEERS WELL UP.

The engineering work on the Brazos County good roads has been suspended by Engineers Abney and McCormick, contractors for the work, during the holidays, and partly on account of the condition of the weather for the past few days. The preliminary surveys are well along toward completion, the Carters Creek, Pitts bridge, Mumford, Benchley and Sandy Point roads having been finished as far out as they will be improved. The work on the other roads is also well along and should be completed within a short time.

PRESIDENT POPE TO VISIT WASHINGTON

Farmers' Union Head to Confer With Lansing Over Shipping Cotton to Europe.

(By Associated Press)

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 30.—President H. N. Pope of the Texas Farmers' Union leaves tonight for Washington to confer with Secretary Lansing over the shipment of a million bales of cotton to an unnamed European country. The project will test the allies recent prohibitory order.

TO VISIT TEXAS LATER.

Secretary McAdoo Asked Invitation Be Held Open.

Temple, Tex., Dec. 29.—Secretary of the Treasury William G. McAdoo, who was recently invited by the Chamber of Commerce through Governor James E. Ferguson to pay this city a visit has advised the governor that circumstances prevent his acceptance of the invitation at this time, but signifying his desire of paying Texas a visit in the near future, and requesting that the invitation be held open. Governor Ferguson has forwarded the correspondence to the local organization.

NEARING COMPLETION.

The new postoffice building is going on toward completion. The plastering in the interior is all but completed and the carpenter work is almost as far along. D. C. Barnett, contractor for the electrical work on the building, states that he has roughed the work in and is now waiting for the finishing work on the building to be completed so he can install the light fixtures. Good weather has favored the work on the building almost since its beginning and the building will no doubt be finished in record time.

FINISHING NEW FRONT.

The work on the new front of the Smith Drug Company is nearing completion rapidly, practically all of the work having been completed, and the painters and decorators are now at work finishing the interiors of the display windows, and other painting work to be done. The front is a great improvement over the old one and the new awning over the front of the building adds much to its attractiveness.

CAMPBELL ANNOUNCES FOR SENATE

Former Governor Set at Rest All Doubts as to His Plans Politically.

Palestine, Tex., Dec. 31.—Former Governor Thomas Mitchell Campbell set at rest all doubts as to his plans politically by announcing here Thursday that he would be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of United States senator to be determined by the primaries of 1916.

He stated that he would make formal announcement shortly, and that while his position on general governmental questions is fairly well known to the Texas Democracy, that he would in due time go to the people directly with his platform and upon the issue of commanding importance, and that he expected to make a thorough canvass of the state in the old-fashioned Democratic way.

GOV. OF MINNESOTA DIED SUDDENLY

Was at Clinton, Louisiana, Inspecting Lands He Owned in That Section.

(By Associated Press.)

Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 30.—Governor W. Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly today at Clinton, La., where he went to inspect some lands he owned in that section, according to a message received here.

Burnquist Becomes Governor.

(By Associated Press)

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 30.—J. A. A. Burnquist, lieutenant governor, becomes governor by the death today of Governor Hammond. He is 34 years old.

LET RESIDENCE CONTRACT.

John Nicol has awarded a contract to J. H. Nash, a local contractor, for a fine two-story home to be built on the site of the old home on North Taber avenue. The work of tearing down the old home will be started Monday.

COVER CROPS AND FERTILITY.

(By M. Roberts Conover.)

If every man who acquires land for farming would ask "What is in that land?" rather than "What can I take off the land?" he would follow safer methods for the future welfare of his land and himself. In mercantile life a man cannot diminish his working capital without stepping backward. Rather he aims to increase it with a corresponding increase of profit.

At the end of the year he must have as much capital as when he began. What he takes out are only profits.

So with any of us. When we are ready to begin spring planting, our soil should be as rich or richer than the year before. Almost every farmer tries to put back something on his land. This replenishing is done in different ways and with widely varying results.

One farmer buys large quantities of chemicals every spring and applies nothing else with them. Another buys compost by the carload, using a little chemical fertilizer. Still another uses cover crops, planting them toward the close of each season; he also uses some fertilizer.

The first man is going the longest way round, and soil depletion will probably get there first.

The second man is making a short cut toward success, but at the prices and condition of manure as usually purchased he is paying highly for the privilege.

The third man will get there with the least aggregate expenditure and the least waste of values.

To get abreast of this scheme of soil improvement is a puzzling matter to some. Most of us are so busy at the time when cover crops should be planted—July, August and September—that we cannot plow and prepare land anew. The time passes, and with it the opportunity for the growth of the soiling crop. But if this planting can be done when the ground is mellow with cultivation, cover-cropping can be done.

This is how one successful farmer manages: After the last cultivation of each crop, he scatters the seed of the cover crop not later than Sept. 1 for any legume. This is harrowed in with a harrow-toothed cultivator. The work of gathering the crop at maturity does not destroy the young growth, and by winter he has a substantial growth for the benefit of the soil.

This method is good for all truck and small farms where intensive cultivation does not give time for the long crop rotations which those on extensive tracts may practice. Before beginning reconstructive measures on a run-down farm, get the advice of your state agricultural experts, as well as of some progressive farmer, concerning the soil under consideration. You do not lose your dignity by asking or writing for counsel. The best authorities do not claim to know all about every problem, and the exchange of ideas helps them too!

TEXAS RANCHMAN GOLD BRICKED

Wire Tappers on a Fake Horse Race Touched Him for Twenty Thousand.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Vincent Baer, a wealthy rancher of Midland, Tex., was swindled out of \$20,000 by wire tappers on a fake horse race scheme, according to the police, today. The swindlers met Baer in Kansas City and later induced him to part with his money on assurance of getting a greater sum. He has not seen them since they left for Cincinnati-Christmas.

ALLIED SQUADRON WON IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

Allied Fleet Went to Meet an Austrian Squadron, Sunk Two Austrian Torpedo Boat Destroyers and Put the Other Austrian Ships to Flight—French Troops Occupy a Turkish Island as a Naval Base—Von Mackensen, Who Is Preparing for a Drive on Egypt, Is at Sophia—Both French and Germans Claim Gains on the Western Front—Minister Harcourt Resigned British Cabinet to Become Viceroy of India.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian torpedo boat destroyers have been sunk in a battle with the allied vessels near Cattaro Bay in the Adriatic Sea, according to advices reaching Paris today. Austrian ships intended to bombard Durazzo, but the allied squadron went west and met them. The remainder of the Austrian squadron was compelled to flee by the allied ships, says the reports. The French troops occupied the Turkish island of Castellorizo in the Aegean Sea for a naval base.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen, recently reported preparing for a powerful expedition against Egypt, reached

Sofia yesterday, says a Reuter dispatch.

French reports say the German attempted capture of a French gap near Dompiere failed.

Berlin announced the continuance of heavy fighting in Vosages, claiming the recapture of positions lost at Hartmanns-Weilerkopf.

A British surprise attack near Lille failed, said the Berlin announcement.

Resigned From Cabinet.

(By Associated Press)

Winnipeg, Canada, Dec. 30.—A cable today from London says the Right Honorable Lewis Harcourt had resigned from the cabinet to become viceroy of India.

HOW BRENHAM WAR CLAIMS ORIGINATED

In view of the fact that Congressman A. W. Gregg has introduced the Brenham war claims bill into this session of congress the story of the proposed reimbursement for losses inflicted by fire originated by the federal soldiers during the reconstruction days will, very likely, be of interest.

Reconstruction days came with the end of the war. In July, 1865, Brenham became a military post, and the federal soldiers were camped at Camptown, from which circumstances the colored addition to Brenham derived its name. Commanders were changed many times. Post and Sanders were all right, but House Burningham Smith, as he was called, gave much trouble.

The soldiers and the young men of Brenham became involved in a controversy at a ball on the evening of Sept. 7, 1866, and the soldiers intruded in the ballroom. This the fiery Southerners resented, with the result that a Brenham man wounded two soldiers and killed a third. Peace was counseled by wiser and older men, but without avail. Late that night in revenge the soldiers burned the entire section of the town in which the dance hall was situated.

Newspaper Also Burned.

The Brenham Banner, which was then about three or four months old, and was being edited by Daniel McGary and John G. Rankin, was also destroyed, but in settlement of another score. At the Freedmen's bureau, in charge of S. A. Craig, many complaints were filed by negroes against reputable white men, and indignities were offered to the citizens. Rankin & McGary denounced the bureau through the columns of their paper, and this was the reason why their plant was destroyed. Daniel McGary was imprisoned by the soldiers for fourteen days, but from his place of confinement he wrote scathing editorials, denouncing the federalists, which his partner, Rankin, managed to print and circulate, with the gratifying result that many wrongs were redressed.

Another section of Brenham was burned by the federal soldiers in Jan-

uary, 1867, at which time the city records were destroyed. This led to the formation of the Brenham volunteer fire department, which was in reality a military organization with dual duties, viz., the protection of property and lives. Colonel D. C. Giddings was made the chief commanding officer. The Brenham hook and ladder company and the Brenham Protective Fire Company No. 1 were both chartered May 28, 1867, and they did valiant duty for several years. On May 4, 1869, the mayor, H. C. McIntyre, was removed by military authority and Peter Diller was appointed in his stead. He was succeeded by another military appointee, Captain James S. Biddle, and during his term of service the prisoners were fed on bread and water.

Death Rate Heavy.

During the yellow fever scourge of the fall of 1867 the death rate was very great among the soldiers, who were in tents in Camptown, and were unable to withstand the cold weather and the dread disease. The citizen of Brenham did all that they could to alleviate the suffering of the soldiers, and they in return became kinder to the Brenhamites.

In 1869 Colonel D. C. Giddings was instrumental in having the objectionable soldiers removed, and all of Brenham and Washington County was thankful that military rule was a thing of the past.

When Colonel D. C. Giddings became a congressman in 1870 his first thought was to have the citizens, who sustained losses through the two fires caused by the federal soldiers, reimbursed. He introduced a bill accordingly, and the original names and estimates are from it. Later congressmen have sought from time to time to have these old war claims paid. Postmaster General Albert S. Burleson labored diligently, but without avail. It is hoped here by the heirs of the war claimants that the losses which now amount to over \$130,000 will be liquidated very soon. There are several people in Brenham who will reap the benefit, among them are John G. Rankin, the veteran journalist—Galveston News.

CENTENARIAN WAS BURNED TO DEATH

(By Associated Press.)

Port Lavaca, Tex., Dec. 30.—A negro more than a hundred years old was burned to death here yesterday. She was warming over a charcoal fire.

FIRST MUNICIPAL AUTO.

The Ford automobile for the city municipal plant exchanged by R. S. Newsum of Myers to the city for the mule formerly used in the city work, has been put in first-class condition, the tonneau having been taken off and a

bed made for the rear end, and now very little time is lost by the employees in reaching their work, and emergency calls are attended in record time. The change is thought to be much for the better, as the up-keep of the car is little, compared with the feed bills of the hungry mule, and the car can go anywhere in the city easily in wet or dry weather.

GERMANY RECOGNIZES CARRANZA

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Germany today recognized the Carranza government in Mexico.

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BRITISH LINER PERSIA TORPEDOED AND SUNK

Another Tragedy of the Sea Has Occurred and the British Steamer Persia Went Down in the Mediterranean—Two Americans Were Among the Passengers, One of Them Robert Ney McNeeley, American Consul to Arabia. This New Disaster May Cause a Hitch in the Present Negotiations Between the United States and Austria—A Second English Steamer was Sunk Today in the Mediterranean. The Austrian Submarine Warfare Has Become so Terrific It Is Difficult to Provision Montenegro.

(By Associated Press)

London, Jan. 1.—The British liner Persia was torpedoed and sunk Thursday in the Eastern Mediterranean off the island of Crete and most of the passengers and crew were lost, according to advices reaching here today. At least two Americans, including Robert Ney McNeeley were among the passengers. The vessel was approaching Alexandria after a voyage from London bound for Bombay.

Robert Ney McNeeley is the American consul at Aden, Arabia. He was appointed Oct. 14 and is a native of North Carolina.

The Persia was a steamer of 7,900 tons and was owned by the Peninsular and Oriental Company of London.

Besides Consul McNeeley, Charles H. Grant of Boston was a passenger to Bombay, and a third American, Edward Pose of Denver, Colo., a school boy, left here on the Persia, but was bound for Montreal, where he is believed to have landed. Out of 160 passengers, four boat loads got away from the vessel, according to report.

The Franco-British force at the tip of Gallipoli Peninsula is having hard fighting, according to a Constantinople report, which says also that a Turkish aviator dropped a bomb on the British battleship Swiftsure.

The Russian expedition is meeting continued resistance in Persia.

The Bulgarian premier is quoted in a dispatch to Berlin as saying the expedition against the allies at Saloniki will soon start.

Heavy fighting continues in Galicia between the Russians and Austro-German forces.

WELCOMED THE NEW YEAR.

According to the usual custom in Bryan the old year 1915 was ushered out and the new year 1916 was welcomed in last night at 12 o'clock with whistles blowing, bells ringing and noises of every description were mingled, making a terrible din that was kept up for several minutes and could be heard for miles around.

Several watch parties were given and about half the inhabitants of Bryan were awake to witness the passing of 1915. Miss Maud Stevenson entertained a number of friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Stevenson and quite a merry crowd was present. The time was spent in playing games and other forms of amusement until the chimes of the clock announced the arrival of the bright new year.

IDLENESS AND DISCONTENT.

It has been charged that some of our pretty philosophies concerning the joys of labor are inspired by a capitalistic class, yet the ancient axioms and mottoes of human conduct which have been doing service since the days of Papyrus continue to find proof in frequent occurrences of contemporary existence. Take the case reported from Chicago of an old blacksmith who was suddenly relieved of all burdens and care through the bounties of a grateful son who had found fortune in the metropolis. The son retired his father from the forge two years ago, lured him to Chicago, and thereafter the father had nothing to do but amuse himself. Life became one continuous round of loafing from meal to meal, with every comfort and convenience thrown in.

Ideal lot, some will say. Yet how did it work out? The old gentleman began to mope and brood. He had nothing in the world to do. The movies and kindred diversions palled upon him. The son refused to let him return to work. In fact, it may be assumed that after a few months of idleness he lost that vital spark which moves men to activity. Finally he reached such a stage of despair that

MAY CAUSE HITCH.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 1.—New dangers of the relations between the United States and the Teutonic countries are seen here in the destruction of the British liner Persia, with the possible loss of American lives. The disaster is mostly considered of Austro-Hungarian origin and presents a problem in view of the recent Ancona correspondence which has just been settled by accession to the American demands.

It is believed here that the Vienna government and the Austro-Hungarian admiralty are working at cross purposes and that while Vienna has been brought around to the American view, the admiralty has not yet been drawn into line. A similar status is recalled in the correspondence with Germany following the Lusitania disaster.

There is a possibility that the submarine which sank the Persia was far from home and had not heard of the new policy being recognized. All the agencies of the American government have been set in motion to gather facts, and the government will wait complete information before taking action.

A Second Steamer Sunk.

(By Associated Press.) London, Jan. 1.—The sinking of the steamer Abella, probably by a torpedo, in the Eastern Mediterranean was reported today. The Abella was 350 feet long and of thirty-six hundred tons.

Submarine Warfare Fierce.

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Jan. 1.—Austrian submarines are sinking so many steamers that the provisioning of Montenegro is becoming difficult, according to the official report here today. Many food laden vessels have been attacked.

he repaired to his room and ended his futile existence.

Who had not seen the elderly man sink into rapid decline after retirement from active life? How much longer the man who sticks by his tasks appears to linger in the world. Idleness is a dismal occupation for the man who has grown accustomed to activity. The habit must be acquired in youth, and then it is not enjoyed. The idle rich are never really happy. The ennuï they suffer is the most wracking of afflictions. The only happiness seems to lie in a busy and useful life.

The man who harbors dreams of how happy he might be in luxurious idleness is merely taunting himself with little devils of discontent. The truest happiness lies right in his daily tasks, where he should search out and cultivate this most delicious of human blessings.—Portland Oregonian.

FIRST SNOW IN TEN YEARS

Coast Town of California Sees Strange Weather Conditions—Ground Covered With Snow.

(By Associated Press.) San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 30.—The first snow in ten years covered the ground here today.

LABORERS TO DRAW HIGHER WAGES

Two Hundred Thousand Salaries to Be Raised Jan. 1.—Will Total Millions Increase.

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 30.—The wages of 200,000 employees in many trades will be raised Jan. 1. The aggregate increase is expected to total millions. Machinists, milliners, waiters and mechanics are among those affected.

SHORT COURSE IN ROAD BUILDING

Instruction in Road Building and Maintenance to Be Taught at A. & M. College Jan. 12 to 25.

Offering fundamental instruction in the theoretical side of road construction and maintenance, the annual short course for road overseers and others interested in road building will be conducted at the A. and M. College, beginning Jan. 12 and continuing through Jan. 25. This two weeks' course is intended for men who have had practical experience in road construction and maintenance but who are lacking in knowledge of the theoretical side of this work.

Instruction will cover the use of level and transit, elements in grading and drainage, use of improved machinery and other such topics as may be deemed necessary by R. L. Morrison, professor of highway engineering. Professor Morrison, with other members of the civil engineering and highway engineering staffs of the college, will be in charge of the short school.

"We will not have a definitely pre-arranged course of study prescribed, but will vary the instruction to suit the needs of the individual students," said Professor Morrison in his announcement concerning the short course.

Professor Morrison has been advised by one or two county commissioners' courts that overseers and road supervisors will be sent to the school at the expense of the county.

Rooms will be furnished in the dormitories for \$1 per week and meals may be had at the mess hall for \$4 per week. No fees will be charged by the college. All men of 21 years or more are eligible and no entrance requirements will be enforced.

WILSON PASSED 59TH BIRTHDAY

Lengthy Letter From Lansing Reviewed Situation Arising From Austria's Sub Warfare.

(By Associated Press.) Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 30.—On his fifty-ninth birthday President Wilson received several hours, read hundreds of telegrams of congratulations from people all over the country, took a long automobile drive over snow-covered mountain roads, and in the evening had a quiet birthday dinner with his wife in their suite.

A lengthy letter from Secretary Lansing reached the president during the day. It is understood to have given a review of international affairs, particularly the situation growing out of Austria's methods of submarine warfare.

The feature of the birthday dinner was a cake designed by Mrs. Wilson herself. It was an almond sponge cake decorated with candy roses and tulips, and bearing in white icing the inscription, "Many happy returns, W. W."

GEN. JACOB COXEY WOULD BE SENATOR

Wants Congress to Authorize Billion Legal Tender Currency for Merchant Marine and Navy.

(By Associated Press.) Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 30.—"General" Jacob S. Coxey of Massillon, Ohio, who led the "army of the commonwealth" to Washington in 1894, outlined Wednesday plans for his campaign next year as an independent candidate for United States senator from Ohio to succeed Senator Pomerene.

He said he would run on a platform demanding that congress authorize an issue of \$1,000,000,000 legal tender currency, half of which is to be used in creating a merchant marine and half for naval equipment or coast defenses.

WAR-SCARRED CITY RESUMES OLD WAYS

Old Hungarian City Again Normal. People Saw the Capture of Belgrade.

Semlin, Hungary, Dec. 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—It is not two months since shells were falling in this old Hungarian city, but the civilian population has already settled back into the humdrum routine of normal city life. Some soldiers are still in the city, and an occasional column of prisoners is marched through the streets, but apart from this there are only some destroyed

houses in the southeastern section of the town and a few houses scarred by shrapnel bullets to remind the inhabitants of the stirring scenes of the early October days.

Perhaps never in the world's history has so splendid a spectacle been staged free of charge for civilian spectators as was the taking of Belgrade. From their housetops the inhabitants of Semlin could see every move in the desperate undertaking. The broad river lay in front of them, and on the other side, perched some two hundred feet above the stream, rose the Kalemegdan, the old Belgrade fortress with its white tower and its walls dating from the days when the Turks were still masters of the city.

To their left and behind them were the Austro-Hungarian artillery positions, and off to the right the German guns were hurling their projectiles against the Serbian capital. The Austro-Hungarian regiments crossed the river in plain view of the naked eye, and a half-way good glass enabled one to watch the Germans farther toward the west, making their bloody struggle to cross over the Gypsy Island. The inhabitants could see thinned battalions of Hungarians, lying with their feet still in the river on the Belgrade side of the stream, held in check by a murderous rifle and machine gun fire from the old walls of the Kalemegdan. They could see damaged pontoons full of dead men, floating down stream with the swift current. The heights southward from Belgrade were ployed by heavy projectiles searching for the Serbian artillery positions. Serbian guns were dropping their shells into Semlin and to the rear of the city, trying vainly to find the guns that were gradually battering down the defenses of the Serbian capital. The Austrian "thirty-point-fives," the twelve-inch mortars, were throwing entire houses into the air and making great craters within the walls of the Kalemegdan.

Finally, last scene in the first act of the tragedy, the inhabitants could see the German, Austrian and Hungarian flags thrust out through the apertures in the top of the still undestroyed white tower. This was early in the morning of Oct. 9, when the united troops reached the tower and a German soldier carved his name into a beam in the tower, with the date and hour, and added the title of the old Lutheran hymn, "Nun Danket Alle Gott!" (Now Praise Ye All Our God!).

Not until after the fighting had passed beyond the crest of the Avala Mountain, southward of Belgrade, was the curtain rung down on this awful entertainment.

THE WEATHER RECORD FOR 1915.

Rainfall and Other Data Reported by Jno. Daly Jr.

The precipitation record for Brazos County by months as shown by the record kept by John Daly Jr., local weather observer, is as follows: January, 2.79; February, 2.03; March, 2.25; April, 8.81; May, 1.22; June, 2; July, 1.42; August, 11.43; September, 1.14; October, .76; November, 1.39; December, 4.15.

Total precipitation for the year, 40.39 inches.

A local storm occurred Sunday, Jan. 31.

Snow and rain fell Tuesday, March 9. On the 22d day of March the lowest temperature was 29 degrees.

On the 3d day of April the temperature was 35 degrees, with frost. On the morning of the 8th of May the temperature was 52 degrees.

From July 22 to the 25th the lowest temperature was 64 degrees.

The highest temperatures during the year was on the 6th and 7th of August, 104 degrees.

On the 17th of August the gulf storm passed over this vicinity moving inland. The barometer pressure was 28.65, wind velocity estimated at about 70 miles per hour, the 24-hour precipitation amounted to 8.20 inches.

During the month of October we had one rain that amounted to .76 inch.

THE FARMERS' CLUB AND THE MARKETING PROBLEM.

Let's not forget that marketing association now nor the general farmers' club. Keep repeating and reiterating every time you see a brother farmer that one big fundamental marketing truth—"Profitable Marketing Means Co-Operative Marketing." Certainly you need to market so as to get the utmost profits out of the products your sweat and toil have created, and you simply cannot market profitably alone. You must work with your neighbors.

Moreover, as we have already said so often, it ought not to be necessary to try to call the farmers together in a special meeting every time there comes up some new problem affecting their welfare. Every neighborhood should have a local union or other farmers' club ready at any time to give battle in the farmers' behalf the very minute such battle is required.—The Progressive Farmer.

WILLARD-FULTON MATCH IS OFF

Heavyweight Championship Match Blew Up—May Arrange to Fight Moran.

(By Associated Press.) New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—The twenty-round fight for the heavyweight championship, scheduled for March 4 in this city between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton of Minnesota, was definitely declared off here late Wednesday by Tom Jones, Willard's manager, and Tommy Burns, local promoter, who was a partner of Dominick Tortorich in the agreement for the fight. Burns later telegraphed to Ike Dorgan, manager for Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, offering Moran \$7,500 for a fight with Willard here March 4 or 6. Jones stated that Willard would meet Moran if the Pittsburgh man accepted Burns' offer and terms suitable to Willard were arranged.

Jones also stated that unless a better proposition is made, Willard would accept an offer made by T. S. Andrews of Milwaukee for a ten-round championship match with Fulton in Milwaukee Feb. 22. Jones showed a telegram he received from Andrews offering Willard \$25,000 for the fight.

Formal announcement that the Willard-Fulton match here had been declared off was made after a conference between Burns and Jones, at which the promoter insisted that Fulton be required to win an elimination bout with some well known heavyweight before fighting Willard. Jones said he was opposed to Fulton meeting any other fighter before he fought the champion and insisted that Willard would meet Fulton before accepting any other challenge.

Burns and Tortorich of New Orleans originally undertook to promote the match between Willard and Fulton, but later announced that they preferred Moran as Willard's opponent. This plan was not met with favor among the other parties to the agreement and Burns then stated that he would personally take over the Willard-Fulton agreement and stage the fight, but proposed that Willard accept a percentage of the receipts instead of the \$32,500 guarantee given the champion in the original agreement. Yesterday's conference, which ended in calling the fight off, was to consider Burns' proposal.

TEST WELL A FAILURE.

According to reports received from the Round Lake Oil and Gas Company's test well, sunk in Burleson County, the well turned out a water well, as the drillers were unable to case off the water because of the strong pressure, and it was impossible to make an oil well under the conditions. The well was sunk to a depth of 1,880 feet.

LIGHT POLES TO BE SHIPPED.

Mayor W. W. Harris is in receipt of a letter from the Western Electric office of Canton, Ohio, acknowledging the receipt of the order for the fifty-one light poles to be installed on Main street. The letter stated that the poles were being made ready for shipment and asked for routing for same. They are expected in Bryan within the next two weeks.

RETURNED FROM KANSAS.

"Cotton Seed Meal as a Feed for Hogs" was the subject of an address delivered by John C. Burns, professor of animal husbandry at the A. and M. College, before the American Society for Animal Production. The annual meeting of that organization was held at Manhattan, Kan., the Kansas A. and M. College, Dec. 22-25. Professor Burns returned today from that place.

L. B. Burk, another member of the Texas college animal husbandry staff also attended the meeting.

GERMANY BARRING CITIZENS OF U. S.

Many in Vienna Being Detained Having No Certificates of Birth or Naturalization.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 31.—Americans in Vienna not possessing certificates of birth or naturalization are being detained through the refusal of German consuls to vize their passports for travel in the German empire. Ambassador Penfield reported the situation to the state department Thursday by cable.

The ambassador said he had made representations on the subject to the German embassy in Vienna and had asked the American embassy at Berlin to secure a modification of the regulations which prevents Americans from returning to their homes and excludes American born or naturalized citizens who have not the required ad-

ditional documents from Germany.

The regulation, the ambassador said, made it practically impossible for American citizens so situated to embark from Holland for home.

The text of the dispatch, dated Vienna, Dec. 28, and forwarded through Minister Stovall at Berne, follows: "German consulate at Vienna refuses to vize American passports for travel in German empire unless bearers present certificates of birth or naturalization. Americans here not possessing these documents consequently are being detained."

"Have presented matter to German embassy with request for modification of present regulation to enable American citizens to return to their homes and have informed embassy at Berlin requesting their good offices in presenting matter to German authorities."

"Above regulations practically exclude from Germany bona fide American born and naturalized citizens, bearers of passports, but not having the required additional documents and will tend to work hardship and delay, making it practically impossible for such persons to embark from Holland."

A. & M. DIRECTORS ARE IN SESSION

Contract for Erection of New Structures at College Will Be Let by Them Today.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 31.—"The Agricultural and Mechanical College is now in a more prosperous condition than at any time in its history. The student body is more diligent and perfect harmony exists between the board of directors, the faculty and the students," was the statement of Judge John I. Guion, president of the board of directors, who is in Fort Worth from Ballinger attending a directors' meeting at the Westbrook hotel.

Judge Guion attributed the pleasant condition of affairs to the fact of the liberality of the last legislature and approval of Governor Ferguson, which had placed the institution on a prosperous financial basis.

In addition to attending to routine business the board of directors are going over several bids from responsible contractors for the building of a hospital at the college and a dairy barn, for which appropriations of \$50,000 and \$10,000 respectively have been made.

The officers and directors attending the meeting are: Judge John I. Guion, president, Ballinger; L. J. Hart, vice president, San Antonio; Ike Ashburn, secretary, College Station; T. E. Battle, Marlin; former Governor A. V. Davidson, Cuero; E. H. Austin, Bryan; J. R. Kubena, Fayetteville; H. A. Brehman, Bartlett; W. A. Miller Jr., Amarillo, and Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the college.

The only director absent is Colonel J. Sheb Williams of Paris.

Judge Guion is a great believer in the fact that Texas will become a greater state when some ways and means are devised whereby each farmer who tills the soil will be able to buy land on long time notes. Along this line he said that 50 per cent of the farmers in Runnels County had been enabled to buy their land on long time notes, had paid up their obligations this year and as an illustration of how much better the farmer works when he is interested in the property he tills, Judge Guion said:

"In November, 1914, I bought ten vendor lien notes of \$450 each, payable in from one to ten years and secured by sod land. November, 1915, six of them were paid, and on Dec. 1 the remaining were settled and this I consider not alone an indication that the land owning farmer is the better off, but also indicates the prosperity existing in Runnels County."

FOUND STOLEN CHECK.

City Marshal Conlee today found an overcoat under the Eden gin and in one of the pockets was a check made payable to Henry Rohde that was stolen from his room the night the Rohde home was burglarized. It is supposed the burglar put on the clothes, also stolen from the Rohde home, at this place and left the overcoat. Having no use for the check, he left it in one of the pockets of the coat.

BIG BUSINESS BY GALVESTON SHIPS

Imports and Exports Totaled \$226,000,000, an Increase of \$24,000,000 Over Last Year.

(By Associated Press.) Galveston, Tex., Dec. 31.—The year's imports and exports through this port totaled nearly \$226,000,000, according to figures available today. This is nearly \$24,000,000 increase over last year.

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OUR DISREGARD OF WARNING.

Notwithstanding the fact that at every street crossing and at every public road crossing in the United States, the railroads have placed signals and posted warnings boldly and conspicuously, still the people go right on heedless of all warnings and trespass upon the railroad's right of way, use no precautions at the street and road crossings, to their great hurt, and to a great and needless waste of life.

Such conduct not only results in accidents, injuries and death, but it is one of the most expensive practices indulged in by the general public, and one to which everybody contributes. The railroads are managed by business men and the costs to the roads in judgments for all accidents and deaths are figured in the operating expense account of the road and every person who buys a railroad ticket, or who pays a freight bill, bears a part of the expense. Carrying the argument a little further and remembering that every merchant figures his freight bills into the price of his wares, it is apparent that every man, woman and child in the United States pays a part of this waste caused by the failure of the people to observe proper warnings.

The railroads, with the co-operation of the press, has been conducting an educational campaign along this line, and the effort has not been barren of results.

Logic and the facts in the case are on the side of the railroads in this proposition and in the hope of giving additional emphasis to what the roads have to say on their side of the matter we are reproducing their argument in part as follows:

"From 1890 to 1909 a total of \$6,733 trespassers were killed on the railroads in the United States. This represents 53 per cent of all railroad fatalities.

"The five years from 1909 to 1914 bring the total fatalities to trespassers up to 113,480.

"In the eighteen of the last twenty-five years the number of trespassers killed on the railroads showed an increase over the preceding year.

"In the five years' period, 1890-1894, 17,523 trespassers were killed.

"In the next five years' period, 1895-1899, 19,464 were killed, an increase of 11 per cent.

"During the next five years' period, 1900-1904, 23,455 trespassers were killed, an increase of 20 per cent.

"From 1904-1909, inclusive, 26,291 trespassers were killed, an increase of 12 per cent.

"From 1910 to 1914 there was an increase of 1.7 per cent in the number of trespassers killed.

"During the last few years there has been a material decrease in the number of passengers and railroad employees killed, notwithstanding the increase in mileage, passengers and employees.

"During the same time many laws have been passed to protect passengers and employees, but practically no effort has been made by the legislature to protect and save the lives of people who walk or loiter on the railroads. While regulating bodies have been very busy and have exhausted the measures of safety for passengers and employees, they have ignored the necessary measures for the protection of the lives of trespassers.

"The trespassers killed on the railroads include many of our best men and many school children, a great economic loss to the country.

"The railroads have done and are doing all they can to save the lives of such persons, but cannot do more than warn against trespassing and instruct trainmen and engineers to keep a lookout and avoid injuring persons who carelessly walk on the railroads. And we cannot believe the employees will fully kill or injure any one.

"Railroads are safe to ride upon, but very dangerous to walk on.

"Saving time often means losing life.

"A few minutes saved by walking on a railroad may mean the loss of your life. Don't take chances. Think what your life is worth to your family and country and avoid the risk.

"Carelessness is a dreadful thing. It destroys more lives than all the wars of the world.

"It is more deadly than bullets, and has wrecked more homes than the mightiest siege gun.

"It lurks in unseen places, and curved railroad tracks are its favorite resorts. It is ready to strike you down when you least expect.

"It destroys, crushes and kills. It gives nothing but takes all. It is your worst enemy.

"How to fight such a mighty foe is a problem. How to save the lives of trespassers—school children and useful citizens—is a humanitarian question that merits the best thought of all good men.

"SEEING THINGS AT NIGHT."

There is not much fun in being shot at from ambush, whether from design or accident. And about the only thing a fellow can do under the circumstances is to "beat it."—Navesota Examiner.

We fear the Christmas "spirit" has got our old friend Blackshear to "seeing things at night." The darkness has many and wonderful terrors that would never be seen under the light of the sun. We can see our friend driving homeward in his "tin Henry" in the gathering gloom of the night. Boom! goes a gun nearby which in daytime would not have been noticed, but in the darkness and under the Christmas "stress," he imagined he heard the bullet whiz close to his majestic dome of thought, and that it was so close at hand, his ears were set to ringing like the bells in some old cathedral tower. Under the circumstances there was nothing left for him to do but, as he says, "beat it," and we imagine his little Henry broke all world records. The shot, we imagine, was by some farmer shooting at a prowling dog—no doubt a close friend of Brother Blackshear's, nay, perchance, one of those good Samaritans who has been filling his larder with country sausage, spare-ribs, backbone, hog jowl, canvas back ducks, rabbit fattened trout, etc., etc. He was perhaps a hundred, or maybe two hundred yards away, but as we said above, under the Christmas "stress," he imagined it was only an arm's length away and fired by some red-handed assassin, whose heart and soul were steeped in blood and crime, and whose mind, as the law books say, was "fatally bent on mischief." Ergo, what could he do but "beat it?" Flee, Mazeppa-like, fastened to an untamable steed into the gathering shadows of the night. Flee like Orestes chased by the fairies, or Tam O'Shanter with the witches and horlocks from Kirk A'loway barking at his heels until he had passed the portals of his home and was safe in the bosom of his family. Come up, Ed, and spend a few days with us until your nervous system, jarred into discord by this Christmas "stress," has regained its equilibrium.

OUTLOOK DISQUIETING.

The character of submarine warfare being conducted by Austria is again becoming a disturbing element in the friendly relations between the United States and the Teutonic powers. Germany had acceded to the demands of the United States in regard to certain phases of her submarine warfare, agreeing not to attack vessels without warning, to visit and search merchantmen for contraband before sinking them, etc. It now develops that Austria is utterly disregarding this agreement and that some of the Austrian submarines are furnished by Germany and that others are manned and officered by Germany. It is not difficult to imagine the feeling produced in the state department at Washington by this condition of affairs. It looks like an utter disregard of a sacred agreement by Germany, and that it should have a disturbing and disquieting effect in Washington is perfectly natural. Should diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary be broken, which now seems imminent, there is no telling to what extent the disturbing practice may be carried, and what the result of final eventualities. The outlook is gloomy, to say the least.

"Some men who have studied the question think a law prohibiting trespassing is the proper remedy. They argue that such a law will cost nothing to try, and that it will save more lives, if properly enforced, than all other laws heretofore proposed to force the railroads to provide steel cars, install block signals and separate grade crossings, which if required at once would bankrupt every railroad in the country. "What do you think ought to be done? Do you not think it your duty to try to save human life? Will you not discuss this all important question with your neighbor and try to arouse the public to a realization of the truth in regard to railroad trespassing? "It doesn't injure the railroad for a man or child to walk on it, but it does endanger the life of the man or child. Trespassing on the railroads is objected to because of the danger to the trespasser's life."

versification alone can come prosperity that is lasting. Under the all-cotton plan an exceptionally large crop may bring prosperity for that one year, but it is not lasting. The next year crops are short, or prices low and the short lived prosperity has taken wings and is gone. The crop of this year is proof positive of our argument. The farmers diversified this year on a large scale, the cotton crop was far shorter than last year, yet the crop was worth \$397,773,000, an increase over last year of \$46,145,000.

The Eagle believes in diversification and has long tried to impress the farmers and others that through di-

GOOD LIVE STOCK PROSPECT.

It is the belief of the New York Commercial that America is reasonably assured of a good market for live stock in Europe after the war is over; that the supply of cattle, horses, sheep and hogs has been depleted in Great Britain, France and Italy and is approaching the vanishing point in Germany, Austria-Hungary and the foreign territories now held by their armies; that when the war is over all Central Europe will be in the market for desirable live stock, as well as for animal products, for prompt shipment to restock their farms and to furnish food for their people. The Commercial looks to the South for intensive preparation to meet the demands of this new market. Indeed, the Commercial admonishes the South to take advantage of this big business chance. "It has been hard to get the Southern farmers out of a rut, but now that they know the cattle tick can be fought with absolutely assured success, they should realize the value of the opening for raising cattle in a climate that is ideal. It costs less to raise cattle in the South than in the North or West because it is less expense and trouble to winter them." With opportunities in favor of the South, and Opportunity preparing to deliver the warning knock, there is good reason for the wise counsel and to get busy.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

OUR OWN LITTLE TOWN.

Some writer whose name is unknown has sung the praises of "Our Own Little Town" in the following lines so beautifully and so appropriately it seems as if they were written especially for Bryan: "If you meet a man who is down in the mouth and who thinks that his town is all wrong just take him aside and give him a ride and give him this quaint little song: 'There are fancier towns than our little town, there are towns that are bigger than this, and the people who live in the tinier towns all city excitement miss. There are things you see in a wealthier town that you can't in the town that's small; and yet up and down there is no other town like our little town after all. It may be that the street through the heart of our town isn't long, isn't wide, isn't straight, but the neighbors you know in our little town with a welcome your coming will wait. In the glittering streets of the glittering town with its palace and pavement thrall; in the midst of the throng you'll frequently long for our little town after all. If you live and work and trade in our town in spite of the fact that it's small, you'll find that the town—our little town—is the best kind of a town after all.'"

A BROKEN REED.

Mere human will is a broken reed. God is not back of it, and this being true, it has no support. It takes a yearning, heartfelt desire, born of repentance and hope, to nerve one to the overcoming of "the world, the flesh and the devil." The self-satisfied, the spiritually comfortable, individual who has the "holier-than-thou" idea about himself, is as far from the kingdom as he who is "dead in trespasses and sins," for there is hope of a sinner that he will repent and reform, but the Pharisee who considers himself superior to other men, who thanks God that he is "not as other men," is in danger of the judgment. Lillie E. Barr writes—

The tree God plants
Strikes deeper root, grows higher still,
Spreads wider boughs, for God's good will
Meets all its wants.
—Dallas News.

The action taken this week at a meeting of the workers in the extension department of the A. and M. College, headed by Colonel Ousley, with reference to getting crowds at farmers' meetings, is commendable. It was definitely decided to abandon all circus methods of getting out a big crowd of sightseers who were interested in what was to be seen rather than in the real cause of agriculture. One worker said he preferred a few really interested farmers to a crowd of sightseers, and that is the real gist of the situation. Work with those men who want the work, who are interested in improved methods, and in that way the greatest good will be accomplished. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump, and when these interested farmers inaugurate the new methods in the different communities, the others seeing their good works may do likewise.

Ex-Governor Thomas M. Campbell, known throughout Texas as the "sage of Palestine," has set at rest all questions as to his political intentions, and announced that he will be a candidate for the senate of the United States to succeed Honorable Charles A. Culbertson. He will, in the near future, promulgate his platform and in due time will take his candidacy before the people in the good old Democratic way.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

Here are a few good resolutions for you to make next Saturday:
Be just toward all.
Bear malice toward none.
Make an enemy of no one.
Make friends of many.
Have few bosom friends.
Carve your own road to success.
Paddle your own canoe.
Settle your own disputes.
Fight your own battles.
Be kind and gracious to every one.
Ask few favors of any one.
Do a kind act every day in the year.
Be considerate of old age.
Be big minded in little things.
Play fair and square always.
—Selected.

DRAG THE ROADS.

When the smiles of spring appear,
Drag the roads;
When the summer time is here,
Drag the roads;
When the corn is in the ear,
In the winter cold and drear,
Every season of the year,
Drag the roads.

When you've nothing else to do,
Drag the roads;
If but for an hour or two,
Drag the roads;
It will keep them good as new;
With a purpose firm and true;
Fall in line; it's up to you—
Drag the roads.
—Honey Grove Citizen.

This is stock taking time. Not only for the merchants, but for each individual. We should take an account of ourselves; closely scrutinize the things we have done, the things in which we have succeeded, those in which we have failed and resolve to profit in 1916 by the mistakes of 1915.

Bell County went dry Christmas night and swift upon its heels came this terrible sleet and blizzard. Unless the Lord tempered the wind to the shorn lambs, some of them no doubt were near the freezing point.

In planning for the new year, let's move back our fences, set our stakes further out, get up on higher ground and plan for still greater things.

There should be but one plank in every candidate's platform this year, and that should be very short—"Cut down expenses."

A PATHETIC APPEAL.

"Mamma is sick and papa's in bed company. If you will print this perhaps he will see it and come home. We have cleaned his room all up for him."
The above is a copy of a letter written by a little girl in Dallas to one of the papers of that city. No greater sermon was ever preached. In the opening sentence is expressed the sum total of all human woe and misery, and in the concluding sentence, the essence of love, that divine spark that never goes out, of forbearance, long suffering, patience and forgiveness. May be he will come home. He has done wrong, but we love him, we are willing to forgive him. We have cleaned up his room nicely for him and are just waiting for him to come.

If there is a man in this community who has not treated his family right, may these lines come to his notice, may they stick in his gizzard and be as a scorpion's sting until he repents and enters upon a full discharge of his every duty, acknowledging obedience and conformity to the laws governing the family, the highest and noblest laws known, human or divine.

WHEN NATURE REACHED ITS LIMIT.

"Fellow dropped into the office the other day and ordered the paper, and we were pleased. Said it was a good paper, and we were glad. Said it was more than worth the money to any man of intelligence, and we were tickled. Said it was the mainstay of the town, and we were supertickled. Said it was the greatest booster and the most reliable town builder and developer in this whole community, and we yelled with joy. Paid for his paper, and—we slid gently to the floor in blissful unconsciousness. Nature had reached its limit."—Exchange.

The Democratic party in all its platforms views something with alarm. In our humble opinion the thing for it to be sure enough alarmed and practically scared to death about is the constantly growing, expanding, widening, deepening and broadening pie counter.

Light wines are to be served at the White House. If this comes to the knowledge of Dr. Cranfill he may again quit our party.—Waco Times-Herald.

How about William Jennings?

HARVEY HAPPENINGS.

Christmas is past and the new year 1916 is here. Everyone enjoyed the holidays, especially the young people. It was real pretty weather. The fun is all over and everyone is down to their work with the determination to make this a successful year.

The farmers are tilling the soil, getting ready to plant a new crop. School reopened Monday morning, after a week of holidays. Professor Batson spent the holidays at his home in Normangee.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Buchanan and son have moved to Wharton, Tex., to make that their home. We regret to lose them, but our best wishes go with them to their new home. Dr. and Mrs. Rea have moved into Mr. Buchanan's old home.

Miss Tommie Todd spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. U. Peters. Misses Larada Isren and Ruth Well-don left Saturday for Robstown to take up their work.

Messrs. Elmer Pate, D. S. Buchanan and Preston Isren have returned to College to re-enter school.

Clyde Goen spent Christmas with relatives in Beaumont.

Mrs. Ellen Thompson of New Orleans is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pate of Dallas spent several days with J. T. Pate and family.

RURAL SCHOOL NOTES.

According to the annual report of Acting County Superintendent E. R. Williams, covering the 1914-15 term of the Brazos County schools, there are seventy rural schools in Brazos County, thirty-four white and thirty-six colored.

Fifty-one white teachers were employed during the term and thirty-seven colored, the average salary of each teacher being \$57 per month. The average estimated term of the schools was 6.94 months, or about 7 months, which is an excellent record.

All of the rural schools of the county reopened yesterday after a two weeks' vacation for Christmas.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

Mrs. Rosa Schovajsa, et al. to M. F. Dansby, one-sixth undivided interest in 122 acres of land in the John Austin league in Brazos County; consideration \$300.

BETTER FEED CROPS

Made by planting peas and peanuts and less corn.
Peas and peanuts will not only make more feed to the acre than corn but will help build up your land.
They are a sure crop while corn is a doubtful one.

STAR BRAND Cotton and Corn
Fertilizer will make you \$5.00
for every \$1.00 it costs.

Bryan Cotton Oil &
Fertilizer Co.

A Home Institution

LOCALS

WEDNESDAY

John McCallum Sr. of Tabor was in town today.

Amon C. Williams was in town from Coleview today.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fispeman, a daughter.

J. K. Prenal of Tabor was in the city on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McAdams are visiting relatives in Bedias.

W. D. Stallings was in the city today from his home near Tabor.

Miss Louise Caldwell is a guest of Miss Adelaide Glass of Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Henderson have returned from a visit to Houston.

Misses Pauline and Dorothy Dunn of Sherman are guests of Miss Nancy Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Henderson of Calvert are guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Grant.

Mrs. E. W. Bredo has returned to her home in Fort Worth, after visiting relatives in this city.

Mrs. E. S. Curtis of San Angelo arrived yesterday and is a guest of Miss Deolice Hickman.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Tuffy went to Fort Worth today for a visit to relatives and friends.

Judge J. W. Doremus and Senator J. R. Astin have returned from a business trip to Houston.

Mrs. W. E. Sampson has returned to her home in Beaumont, after a visit to relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hearn have returned from Kosse, where they spent Christmas with Mr. Hearn's mother.

Miss Lois Reynolds returned to her home in Franklin today, after a brief visit to her aunt, Mrs. Nannie Rohde.

Miss Minnie Bossey has returned to her home in Navasota, after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. W. H. Moehman.

Fred and Leslie Buchanan of Steep Hollow have returned to Pampa, Tex., after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Buchanan of Steep Hollow.

Alvin Jackson of the Eagle Printing Company has returned from his home at Llano, Tex., where he spent Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. J. E. Pitzer Jr. returned to her home in Sweetwater, Tex., today, after spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Trant.

Professor A. B. Ford, principal of the Steep hollow school, has returned from his home in Normangee, where he spent Christmas with his parents.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell and their son and daughter and Grandma Bizzell came down from College to spend yesterday with relatives.—Navasota Examiner.

Miss Myrtle Simmons has returned to her home in Hearne, after a visit to Mrs. Willie Rutchi, who accompanied her home and will spend New Year's with relatives in this city.

The Steep Hollow school will reopen tomorrow, after a week's holiday. The trustees decided to give only a week for Christmas instead of reopening on Monday, Jan. 3, as at first decided.

THURSDAY

Herman Kindt was in the city today from Kurten.

W. J. Lang was in town trading today from Kurten.

E. C. Kelly of Mart was in the city on business today.

N. C. Fulgham went to Houston on business yesterday.

C. C. Morgan of Reliance was a visitor to the city today.

J. J. Vandiver of Steep Hollow was a visitor to the city today.

R. S. Newsom was in town from Whitaker today on business.

Mrs. J. A. Pope has returned from a visit to relatives in Thornton.

Miss Etta Peters has returned from a visit to her home in Franklin.

J. O. Kernole and family have returned to their home in Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. James and little daughter are visiting relatives in San Antonio.

T. C. Nunn Jr. and Roy W. Roberts returned yesterday from a visit to Midland, Tex.

Mrs. J. L. Cobb and children of Tabor have returned from a visit to relatives in Hearne.

Miss Emma Schmidt has returned to Houston, after spending Christmas at her home in Kurten.

John S. Edge has returned to his home in Overton, after visiting his son, Eugene Edge and family.

Mrs. C. Egbert Jones and little daughter Mary are visiting relatives and friends in Eagle Lake.

J. Catheriner of Brenham, a prominent newspaper man, was in the city today and called on the Eagle.

J. R. Smith of Reliance was in town today.

John Lloyd of Reliance was in the city today.

Joe Ransome was a visitor to the city today from Harvey.

W. S. Jones and W. R. Goen were in town today from Harvey.

Constable J. H. Reed of Harvey was a visitor to the city today.

Miss Geraldine Kelly of Wixon is visiting relatives in Marlin.

Little Misses Gertrude Tucker and Artie Manly are visiting friends in Benchley.

Mrs. W. A. McGee has returned to her home in Mexia, after visiting relatives in this city.

Wiley Kelly and W. L. Closs were among the visitors to the city from Cottonwood today.

Mrs. A. M. Henderson has returned to her home in Groesbeck, after a pleasant visit to relatives in this city.

The Eagle is in receipt of a Christmas box of cigars the remembrances of our old friend Clarence Pearson of Palestine.

Mrs. R. B. Caldwell of Corsicana and Miss Mae Nean of Tyler arrived and are guests of Mrs. W. F. Proctor of College.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pate arrived from Dallas yesterday for a visit to Mr. Pate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pate of Harvey.

Miss Bertie Suber left today for a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. B. Adams of Oakwood before returning to her school at Winters.

Tom Conway returned to the State University at Austin today, after spending the Christmas holidays at his home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Henderson of Calvert returned to their home today, after spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lawler Jr. of New Orleans went to Dallas for a visit today, after visiting Mr. Lawler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Lawler Sr.

Mrs. S. C. Johnson and little son, Sam Johnson Jr. returned to their home in Marlin today, after visiting Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Kern.

Professor A. W. Kinnard has returned to Caldwell, after spending the holidays at his home in this city. He was accompanied by his wife, who will remain with him. They are to do light housekeeping.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer (Pet) Brown arrived this afternoon on the 4:15 P. M. train from Taylor. Mr. Brown will meet Prokolos in a wrestling bout for the championship of the world tonight.

FRIDAY

Sam Parker is visiting friends in Houston.

George Williams was in town today from Coleview.

T. T. Goodwin of Providence was in town trading today.

Georgé Echols of Rosprim was in the city on business today.

J. S. Jenkins of Mumford was in town on business today.

Dr. W. F. Odem of Kurten was a visitor to the city today.

T. P. Hall was a visitor to the city from Steep Hollow today.

Jno. McCorqudale of Houston was in the city on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer (Pet) Brown have returned to their home in Taylor.

District Attorney W. C. Davis has returned from a visit to his parents in Shiro.

Mrs. C. W. Renner of Natchez, Miss., is a guest of her niece, Mrs. Geo. A. Adams.

Misses Bernice and Blanche Hanna and Stella Stewart are visiting friends at Wheelock.

Geo. Seale of Mumford was among the attendants at the wrestling match here last night.

Miss Louise Caldwell has returned from a brief visit to Miss Adelaide Glass of Calvert.

George Stephenson of Plantersville has returned to his home, after a visit to friends at Kurten.

Misses Margaret and Frances Atkinson of Houston arrived today and are guests of Mrs. Hardy Newton.

Miss Vallie Kessler of Waco went to Marlin today for a visit to friends, after visiting relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Tilson of Houston are guests of Mrs. Tilson's mother, Mrs. M. J. Parker for New Year's.

Miss Tyra Morgan and Masters Norman and Milton Dansby have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thibodeaux of Fort Worth.

Mrs. M. D. Hall arrived yesterday from Waco to join her husband, a lino-type operator with the Eagle Printing Company. Mr. and Mrs. Hall will make their home in Bryan in future.

Judge and Mrs. V. B. Hudson and son Charles B. Hudson have returned from Hugo, Ok., where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Evans for Christmas.

Mrs. T. B. Chatham and little daughter have returned to their home in Mexia, after a brief visit to Mrs. R. K. Chatham Sr. and other relatives in this city.

Justice L. D. McGee has returned from a visit to his old home in Tennessee, where he was a guest of relatives and old friends for Christmas.

Judge McGee reports a fine trip and a great time.

Mrs. M. E. Harrison has returned to her home in Waco, after visiting her

son, Joe Harrison and family, of Union Hill.

Mrs. J. C. Welch has returned from a visit to relatives in Elgin and San Antonio. She was accompanied home by her niece, Miss Myrtle Neil Daniels of San Antonio.

H. C. Robinson Jr. arrived today from Houston to join his wife, who is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. James.

The entertainment that was to have been given by Mrs. B. F. Trapp for the Intermediate Endeavor of the Christian Church tonight at the home of Dr. R. M. Harkey will be postponed.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Scott went to Waco for a brief visit today before returning to their home in Fort Worth, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Scott's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Batte.

Theodore Miller, superintendent of public construction for the government, was here from Marlin today to inspect the work on the postoffice building. Mr. Miller states that he has taken up the matter of letting the contract for the cement walks around the building with the government authorities and expects some action to be taken in a short time.

SATURDAY

Miss Vivian Seale has returned from a visit in Benchley.

Sheriff T. C. Nunn went to Houston on business last night.

Mrs. E. R. Williams is visiting friends in Hempstead.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bullock are visiting friends in Gause.

E. P. Arneson of San Antonio is a guest of friends in this city.

Quinlan Adams of Houston is a guest of his brother, Geo. A. Adams.

Y. M. Langdon of Hutcrins, Tex., is a guest of friends in this city.

Mrs. S. H. Dunlap and little son are visiting relatives and friends in Houston.

A. G. Cobb of Hearne is a guest of his son, J. L. Cobb and family of Cottonwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Driver went to Marlin today for a visit to Mrs. Driver's parents.

Mrs. T. H. Newsom of Fort Worth arrived yesterday and is a guest of Mrs. C. C. Wheeler.

Webb Connely returned to Austin today, after visiting J. H. Rogers and family of this city.

S. S. Cox of Mexia was a guest of friends for the New Year's ball at the Elks' club last night.

Mrs. J. H. Conway and two little sons have returned from a visit to relatives in Franklin.

Mrs. M. P. Holman has returned to her home in Madisonville, after a visit to relatives in this city.

John McCorqudale of Houston returned to Navasota yesterday, after a brief visit in this city on business.

Warren T. Withers is at home to spend New Year's with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Withers.

Dr. J. L. Fountain has returned from Chicago, Ill., where he spent Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Ed Price.

Albert Rhodes of Houston was here today to spend New Year's with his mother, Mrs. A. M. Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Glaze and children returned yesterday from a visit to relatives in Fort Worth.

Miss Corinne James left today for a visit to friends in Greenville.

Harman Edinburgh and Paul Ruchti went to Marlin for a brief visit today.

Sam Parker has returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Houston.

Willie Ruchti went to Hearne today to join his wife, who is visiting her home in that city.

Mrs. Nat P. Jackson of the extension department of the A. and M. College has gone to her home in Paris, Tex., to spend a few days.

Mrs. P. H. Taylor and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, returned to their home in Lampasas today, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Taylor's daughter, Mrs. W. A. Withers.

Walter Holmes and George Wicker Jr. have returned to Tyler Commercial College at Tyler, after spending the Christmas holidays at their homes in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Batte Jr. and little daughter Helen have returned to their home in Tampico, Mexico, after spending several days with Mr. Batte's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Batte.

Roy C. Stone of Beaumont was among the guests at Hotel Bryan today. Mr. Stone was formerly in the employ of A. M. Waldrop & Co. of this city for several months and has quite a number of friends in this city.

MONDAY

Joe Kapecky of Rye was in town today.

J. H. White was here from Wixon today.

John I. Wilson of Kurten was in the city today.

Dr. George F. Lee was up today from Wellborn.

W. J. Lawless was in the city today from Kurten.

Rev. J. J. Pipkin went to Dallas for a brief visit yesterday.

Miss Leila Griffin has returned from a visit to friends in Houston.

Sheriff T. C. Nunn has returned from a business trip to Houston.

Ed S. Derden and son Edgar have

returned from a visit to friends in Corsicana.

Miss Geraldine Kelly of Cottonwood has returned from a visit to relatives in Marlin.

Albert Rhodes has returned to Houston, after visiting his mother, Mrs. A. M. Rhodes.

Professor and Mrs. W. H. McPheeters have returned from a visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McAdams have returned from a visit to Mr. McAdams' parents in Bedias.

Miss Margie Gay of Houston has returned to her home, after visiting her sister, Mrs. W. S. Wilson Sr.

Professor Herbert W. Reed has returned from San Antonio, where he spent the holidays at his home.

Mrs. C. E. Jowers has returned to her home in Navasota, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Higgs.

Oren McCullough returned to Dallas yesterday, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. McCullough.

Miss Nina Henry of Edge returned to Mexia yesterday, where she is teaching, after spending the holidays at her home.

H. C. Robinson Jr. returned to his home in Houston yesterday, after spending a few days with relatives in this city.

Miss Mae Stevener returned to her school at Calvert yesterday, after spending the holidays at her home at Kurten.

Mrs. James E. Yardley has returned to her home in Port Arthur, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Elliott.

Mrs. H. S. McGee arrived today from Houston and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGee.

Mrs. W. E. Hamilton of Anderson, who has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Felker for several days, returned to her home yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Pate have returned to their home in Dallas, after a visit to Mr. Pate's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pate of Harvey.

Mrs. Ollie Robinson has returned to her home in El Paso, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Bullock of Prospect.

Miss Nellie Batte returned to Waco yesterday, where she is teaching, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Batte.

Miss Ethel Gelber has returned to the State University at Austin, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gelber.

Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Kapchinsky of Waco, who have been guests of relatives in this city for several days, returned to their home yesterday.

Mrs. Herbert Cranshaw returned to her home in Fort Worth yesterday, after spending several days with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Bullock.

Miss Charlotte Stoddard has returned to San Antonio, where she is teaching, after spending the holidays with her father, General H. B. Stoddard.

Miss Ruth Weedon and Miss Levada Goen have returned to Robstown, where they are teaching, after spending the holidays at their homes at Harvey.

Miss Pearl Drummond has returned to Cottey College at Nevada, Mo., after spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. G. Drummond of Cottonwood.

Walton Cole and Conn Gibbs returned to Austin yesterday, where they are studying in the State University, after spending Christmas at their homes in this city.

Little Miss Estelle Caldwell has returned to Austin, where she is attending school, after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. M. Caldwell.

Miss Claire Ousley returned to Denton yesterday, where she is attending the College of Industrial Arts, after spending the holidays with her parents, Colonel and Mrs. Clarence Ousley.

Misses Ida Wipprecht, Ara Haswell, Della Lawrence, Aubrey Wilkerson and Pauline Seale returned to the State University at Austin yesterday, after spending the holidays at their homes in this city.

J. D. Jones was a visitor to the city from Harvey today.

L. S. Williams was in today from his home at Coleview.

Victor Andrews of Harvey was a visitor to the city today.

Miss Mary Locke of Zack was a visitor to the city today.

W. L. Closs was a visitor to the city from Cottonwood today.

T. A. Hensarling of Steep Hollow was in the city today.

W. S. Hanover was in town on business from Wheelock today.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Crenshaw were among the visitors to the city today.

Judge W. J. Moore was among the visitors in the city from Benchley today.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barbee have returned from a holiday visit to relatives at Crowley, La.

W. E. Moore of the firm of Moore & Payne, merchants of Edge, was a business visitor to the city today.

Mrs. D. T. Shaw returned to her home in Jewett today, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Rozier.

G. M. Garren of the extension department of the A. and M. College went

to Waco today to attend a horticultural meeting.

M. C. Behr, proprietor of the Behr Business College of this city, went to Gainesville today, where he will open a branch school.

Misses Annie Amato and Cealye Smith of Galveston have returned to Villa Maria Academy, after spending the holidays at their homes.

Malcolm Graham Jr. of Galveston, a student of Allen Academy, has returned from his home in Galveston, where he spent the Christmas holidays.

Miss Evelyn Sanders has returned to Rusk Academy at Rusk, Tex., where she is teaching, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sanders.

Miss Bessie Hines returned to her home in Dallas today, after a pleasant visit to her grandfather, J. T. Hines and other relatives and friends in this city.

TUESDAY

Frank Konecny went to Granger today.

J. T. Jones of Reliance was in town today.

J. E. Mathis of Reliance was in the city today.

Walter Armstrong was in town from Cottonwood today.

Dr. O. M. Ball was a visitor to Bryan today from College.

Miss Rosalie Taylor is visiting friends at Benchley.

Claude Moore of Edge was in the city today on business.

J. S. Byars of Independence was a visitor to the city today.

Mrs. C. A. Harris of Stone City was shopping in the city today.

W. M. Hudspeth was a visitor to the city from Cottonwood today.

Miss Caro Mae Edwards of Millican is a guest of friends in this city.

Mrs. L. H. Bradley has returned from a visit to her home in Millican.

Dr. Mae McAdams returned to Temple today after a brief visit in this city.

Miss Lurline Houston returned yesterday from a visit to friends in Hearne.

W. J. Lang, Will Payne and M. B. Easters were here today on business from Kurten.

Mrs. Alonzo Carter and two little daughters have returned from a visit to relatives in Dallas.

Mrs. A. Parker has returned to her home in Wellborn, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. J. M. Creed.

Mrs. R. P. Lee and little son Rudolph returned yesterday from a visit to relatives and friends in Dallas.

Mrs. P. E. Lockhart returned to her home in Thornton today, after visiting her son, W. E. Lockhart and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Chemelsky have returned to their home in Houston, after a pleasant visit to relatives in this city.

Archie Lyon of Waxahachie is a guest of his sister, Mrs. C. M. Bell and other relatives and friends in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bammill returned to Houston yesterday, after an extended visit to Mrs. Bammill's mother, Mrs. J. L. Hearne.

Miss Victoria Putz has returned to her home in Ennis, after spending several days with relatives in this city and at College.

Arnold Leverton has returned to Baylor University at Waco, after spending the Christmas holidays at his home in this city.

E. H. Astin has just received a five-passenger 1916 model Pierce-Arrow touring car.

PET BROWN WON BOUT IN WALK

Greek Was No Match for the Champion—Large Crowd Watched the Game.

The largest crowd that ever attended a wrestling match in Bryan was present at the match between Pet Brown, world's middleweight champion of Taylor, Tex., and Jim Prokolos, a Greek middleweight wrestler, at the Colonial Theater last night. The bout was won easily by Brown in straight falls. The first fall was gained in 37 minutes, with a full arm scissors and the second in eight minutes with a double cradle lock. The match was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, but the champion was easily the master of the situation at all times, and seemingly toyed with his opponent for several minutes to give the spectators something for their admission fee. The ease with which he broke all holds and his offensive work won hearty applause.

After the second fall had been awarded to Brown, and he had loosened his hold, the Greek made an effort to secure a hold, but Brown was too quick for him and proceeded to catch another intricate hold and pinned his shoulders to the mat for the third time, furnishing more amusement for the crowd.

It was announced just before the beginning of the match that Brown had wrestled Prokolos on last Saturday night under a different name, and he did not know this was the same man until he reached the theater for the match. The spectators were offered a refund of their admission fees, but no one accepted and the match was begun.

An effort is being made to stage a match here in January between Brown and Cyclone Mitchell, who has beaten some of the best wrestlers in the game in this city during the past year and who has proven himself next to Brown in the wrestling game.

MOVED TO HOUSTON.

Paul Grosso and family and Joe Manguso and family, two Italian families of the Cameron ranch community have shipped their household goods and have gone to Houston to make their home in future. This runs the total of Italian families to leave Bryan within the past year, to about an even dozen.

ARE MAKING SHOES WITHOUT LEATHER

Germany Is Doing This in a Factory That Made Furniture Before the War.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A furniture factory in Hallerau, which before war devoted itself to the manufacture of art furniture but finds its market dead during the war, has started the manufacture of shoes without leather. These are not the wooden shoes of the Dutch and South German peasant, but a substitute for the usual leather shoe. The uppers are made of gray or black waterproof linen sailcloth, which at little distance is not easily distinguishable from leather, and the soles are built up of layers of wood veneer glued together with waterproof glue, the process making a flexible, waterproof sole which follows the shape of the arch of the foot.

The shoes have been given several months' trial and are soon to be placed on the market. They are said to wear well, the undersurface of the wooden sole soon develops a felt-like surface which gives little noise, and, best of all, the shoes are said to cost little more than the present price for half-soled leather shoes.

POULTRY MEETING.

Further Steps Taken for the January Poultry Show.

A meeting of the Brazos County Poultry Association was held in Demonstration Agent Buchanan's office at 7 o'clock last night, with President C. E. Jenkins presiding and several members present.

The premium committee and committee on rules for the poultry exhibit to be held here next month made their reports, both of which were adopted.

The premium committee recommended that the poultry exhibits be divided into two classes, amateurs and professionals. The amateur class will be open to the farmers of Brazos County, and no entry fee will be charged. The professional class will be opened to all and a fee will be charged for all entries. The American Standard of perfection for judging poultry and the rules used by all poultry shows over the country were adopted. A list of the premiums to be awarded will be published later.

President C. E. Jenkins and Secretary A. S. Adams reported that they

were in communication with a firm in Houston in regard to the coops to be used in the show and would be able to make a more definite report at the next meeting.

The meeting was then adjourned.

DRIVER HOME BURGLARIZED.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Driver in the eastern part of the city was entered last night shortly after midnight, the intruder effecting an entrance through the front door. A dog in the house awakened the members of the family barking at the burglar, who ran from the house as soon as he discovered that the inmates of the home were aroused. Nothing was missed this morning, as the intruder was evidently frightened away before he began his work.

SOME FIGURES FOR THE ALL-CORN FEEDER.

The following are a few experimental results to show that it does not pay to feed corn alone to hogs, but it does pay to provide some feed rich in protein to balance the corn:

1. The average of 26 experiments with 226 hogs showed it cost \$7.25 a hundred to produce gains with corn alone, ranging from \$5.12 to \$16.04.

2. With 22 pounds of skim milk to one pound of corn it cost \$4.02 a hundred pounds of gain, and with corn alone \$8.38.

3. With corn and shorts it cost \$6.98 per hundred pounds gain and with corn and shorts and skim milk added it cost \$4.71.

4. In a test in Alabama it cost \$7.19 to produce 100 pounds of gain, and with corn and tankage (one of tankage to nine of corn) it cost \$5.18. In another test in Nebraska it cost \$7.28 for 100 pounds of gain when corn alone was used, and \$6.59 when corn and tankage (one to nine) were used.

5. In a test in Texas it cost \$10.85 with corn alone and \$9.08 with cotton seed meal (one to two). Cotton seed meal should not be used for more than three or four weeks.

6. In an Alabama test it cost \$7.15 to produce 100 pounds of gain with corn alone and with soy bean grazing and one-fourth ration of corn, \$2.69—counting cost of corn at 79c a bushel and the cost of the soy beans at \$8.50 per acre.—The Progressive Farmer.

RAIL LINE FROM TRENCHES TO BAGDAD

Germany Has Accomplished This Feat by Building Line Through French Mountains.

In the Argonnes, France, Dec. 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—"All Aboard for Bagdad." Such was the humorous suggestion of a sprightly German officer as the tiny engine on the Argonnes railway whistled for its departure.

From the Argonnes to Bagdad is quite a stretch, even for the imagination, and yet, through the seemingly impossible construction of a railroad through the French mountains, the Germans have in fact established a connection, more or less direct, but nevertheless unbroken from the trenches at the front in the west to the Asiatic city of their Turkish ally.

To build the Argonnes railway, the Germans went to an abandoned French mine, and from a depth of some 600 meters resurrected miles of trackage which at no end of care and trouble has been laid on the surface, over land so swampy and difficult that the first train came to grief simply through sinking into the ground.

Thus far two main lines have been constructed—the one 95 centimeters wide (37 inches) and the other 1.5 meters wide (38.5 inches). On the section nearest the actual front, benzol engines are used, because of their comparative noiselessness. Farther away from the trenches tiny steam engines draw the diminutive trains.

The engines have an approximate capacity of four cars—better perhaps, the rails and roadbed can stand that much weight without disappearing from view—and are busy every hour of the twenty-four in the transportation of troops, supplies, ammunition and, when possible, wounded.

Automobiles which have come to grief on the terrible roads of the Argonnes have been rebuilt, and have been equipped with 37 or 38.5 gauge wheels of steel in order that they may serve as "cars deluxe" for officers who have to travel from one point to another behind the front. The sight of officers lolling back in dismantled machines towed by diminutive locomotives invariably provokes, first merriment and then admiration for the system that has literally made something out of nothing and has found a way to overcome the difficulties of the almost impossible Argonnes roads.

These difficulties have been enormous. Rainy weather has been the rule rather than the exception in the Argonnes for months, and it has been a gigantic task to keep the roads—rattled by supply trains and ammunition columns and artillery—from degenerating into mere bogs. The task of maintaining regular and workable communications with the extreme front has been unbelievably hard.

HUNTERS RETURNED.

Jack Zanetti, Geo. Stephan, Joe Howard and Walter Shelton have returned from a big duck hunt near Beaumont. They report that they were unable to reach the place they intended to hunt, on account of the rain, but succeeded, however, in killing about thirty ducks.

L. S. Williams was a visitor to the city from Coleview today.

SEVEN MORE STATES GO DRY TONIGHT

Three Thousand Saloons, Breweries and Distilleries Put Out of Business.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Prohibition in seven states, putting out of business more than 3,000 saloons, breweries and distilleries, goes into effect at midnight tonight. Iowa, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Arkansas and South Carolina join the dry column.

EXPOSITION WILL RUN ANOTHER YEAR

(By Associated Press.)

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 31.—The Panama-California Exposition, which closes tonight a year's run, will continue another year under the name of the Panama-California International Exposition.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFER

The Citizens' National Bank of Navasota to E. C. Hughes of Washington County, Texas, three tracts containing 722½ acres of land in the A. D. Houston 3-4 league; N. B. Gray headright league; E. D. Jackson league, and B. F. Sanders 1-4 league, all in Brazos County; consideration \$5,345.57.

BULGARIANS DEFEATED SERBIANS AND ITALIANS

Albania, Which Is Being Invaded by Bulgarians, Has Declared War on the Teutonic Alliance. Serbians and Italians Reported Defeated by Bulgarians and Serbians Said to Have Been Almost Annihilated—Italy Has a Strong Force in Albania and Albania Has 20,000 Well Equipped Troops—British Landing a Force on Greek Coast Near Kavala—British Cruiser Sunk by Explosion on Board With Heavy Loss.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 31.—Defeat of Serbians and Italians by the Bulgarians after a three days' battle in Albania was unofficially reported from Berlin. The Serbians are said to have been nearly annihilated and the Bulgarians continue to advance into Albania.

Paris dispatches from Avlona say the Italians have a strong force in Albania and that Albania, with 20,000 well-equipped troops, has declared war on the Teutonic allies.

Berlin reports the landing of British troops on the Greek coast near Kavala.

The French submarine Monge was

sunk Wednesday by an Austrian flotilla, says the official Vienna report. The capture of 1,500 prisoners by the Montenegrins was officially reported to Paris.

British Cruiser Sunk.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser Natal has been sunk by an explosion, according to the official announcement made today.

The Natal was sunk as the result of an internal explosion while in the harbor. About 400 survived. The regular complement was 700 men. Although powerful, the warship was laid down eleven years ago.

SEWERS SIZZLED WITH LIQUID BOOZE

Twenty-Five Thousand Pints Confiscated and Emptied at Charleston, S. C.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 31.—Twenty-five thousand pints of liquor confiscated by the state prohibition department were poured into the sewer yesterday. The process required three hours for four men working in relays to prevent being overcome by the fumes.

DEATH FOLLOWED BIG EXPLOSION

Fifteen or Twenty Workmen and Several Firemen Lost Lives in Linseed Plant.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 31.—Fifteen or twenty workmen and several firemen are reported killed in an explosion and subsequent fire in the plant of the American Linseed Company today in South Chicago. After the explosion the flames spread rapidly, and it is believed some of the employees were cut off. Those who escaped scattered, making checking difficult.

STATE ABLE SOON TO PAY IN CASH

Estimate of Big Credit by January 10 Means State Employees Will Not Have to Discount Warrants.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 31.—State Treasurer Edwards announced Thursday that the state will again be on a cash basis, and will be able to pay off all warrants issued against general revenue up to Jan. 1, including December pay roll of state's employees not later than Jan. 10, possibly a few days earlier.

When the state treasury closes after today's business, there will be a deficiency of approximately \$500,000 in general revenue. Heavy collections from taxes will be received during the first week of January, and Treasurer Edwards estimates that there will be at least \$700,000 to the credit of general revenue by Jan. 10.

This will eliminate the necessity of some of the state employees discounting their warrants, which they will receive tomorrow for services rendered during December.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That the annual meeting of the stockholder of the First State Bank & Trust Co. of Bryan, for the election of directors and the transaction of all such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held on the 11th, day of January, 1916, at 10:00 o'clock at the office of the bank, main street in the City of Bryan and State of Texas.

Dated this the 22nd, day of December, 1915.

W. H. COLE, Secretary.

Old—

aged until every drop is rare and mellow. That's what gives the flavor to Old

I. W.

Harper Whiskey. For fifty years that flavor has been the favorite. It's velvety richness never varies. Your Grandfather chose Old I. W.

HARPER

because he knew it was the best. Today you can find no finer

WHISKEY

JOE GROGINSKI, Distributor

Good-Night Corns, Good-Boy "Gets-It"

New-Plan Corn Remedy That Never Fails. The Simple, Common Sense Way.

You poor corn-limpers, with corn-wrinkles and heart pains! Sit down tonight and put a few drops of "Gets-It," the simplest corn remedy in the world on your corns. You can apply it in just a



"Gets-It" Ends Corn Pains. It's Sure and Safe, too!

few seconds, without fuss or trouble. What's the use applying salves that make toes raw and sore, that make corns swell, bandages that make it misery to walk, tape that sticks, greasy ointment, and other contraptions. Get rid of corns the easy way, quick, simple, sure, new way. That's common sense. Try "Gets-It" also for warts and bunions. "Gets-It" can't hurt—the corn loosens, and comes right off—clean off.

"Gets-It" is sold at all druggists, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.

Sold in Bryan and recommended as the world's best corn remedy by M. H. James and the Smith Drug Company.

PLOW TIME IS CLOSE TO HAND

Remember, we sell the Case Steel Plows, Empress and 20th Century Planters and Cultivators. Now, listen, suppose you try a Case, backed by an iron-clad Guarantee. Now we say in all candor that the Case Plows, Cultivators and Planters have no equal. We stand asking a trial of these famous Plows, Cultivators and Planters.

Just received one car of Barbed Wire, Hog Wire and Poultry Netting. Our prices are right. We solicit a portion of your valued trade.

With a happy Christmas, a prosperous New Year, we thank one and all for past favors; hope we have made it profitable for you to trade with us. With love to all and malice to none, we are yours for 1916.

MYERS HARDWARE CO.

SOLDIERS BURIED AFTER 45 YEARS

Strange Sights in Village Which Was Inspiration for Great Painting, "The Last Cartridge."

Bazelles, France, Dec. 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—In this little village which, in 1871, furnished inspiration for the famous painting, "The Last Cartridge," the Germans have taken up "peace-time" labors.

They found, greatly to their surprise, that the bones of the dead German and French soldiers of forty-five years ago still lay unburied in a vault in the local cemetery, which was in consequence a veritable catacombe. The most the French had done was to separate the French from the German skeletons.

The Germans began overhauling the cemetery at once, striving first of all to weed out from the confusion of bones such as were not human. The skeletons of former soldiers were then divided into groups, and buried on the left hand side of the central cemetery building. Fitting and imposing monuments then were erected above the tardy graves, which today only serve to heighten the contrast between the eventual fate of the German and the French soldiers of 1870 and 1871. The French skeletons lie in confusion exactly opposite the German tombstones. About fifty of them have been thrown together in each division or compartment of the catacombs, and mixed in with them are plainly discernible bones of animals—for the most part horses who perished as did their riders.

STORM DAMAGE ON GULF COAST

Rain and High Winds Cut Off Wire Communication and Did Property Damage.

[By Associated Press.] Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29.—Extensive damage was done along the eastern gulf coast by last night's storm, which was marked by rains and high winds. Wire communication with several cities in Alabama was cut off today. A coal barge in Mobile Bay broke loose last night and is reported beached with more than thirty negroes aboard. None were lost. The Mississippi Valley generally was affected.

ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL.

(By Frank Orr.)

We do not hear so much about neglected rural school houses and grounds as formerly, but there are still localities not above suspicion, judging from a criticism made by an official of the home economic department of an institution in one of the Rocky Mountain States.

Here is her report after making a survey of fifty rural schools, all located in one state:

Number of schools.....	50
Clean yards.....	21
Plants and flowers in yard.....	5
Fences in repair.....	6
Good main building.....	35
Satisfactory inside finish.....	35
Number scrubbed regularly.....	1
Right number of windows.....	6
Good window shades.....	10
Satisfactory wall finish.....	6
Good pictures.....	3
Satisfactory stoves.....	3

(Clean, none)
Books in good condition..... 3
Water cooler with cover..... None
Individual cups..... 1
Wash basin..... 1
(Those were dirty)
Towel..... 2
(Common property and dirty)
Desks, removable..... None
(39 fair condition)
Teacher's desk, good..... 45
(But many were untidy)
Waste paper basket, good..... 2
Outbuildings, fair..... 17
None..... 5
Toilet paper of any kind..... None
Scrubbed..... None
School lunches, some attention given to how and where eaten..... 3
Her report closes with these apt words of comment: "How would your school score on these points?"
"If your school is among those on the neglected list, and you are not an officer, parent, or teacher, do not 'put up your self-righteous umbrella' and say, 'This shower of words is not for me.' It is for you and every citizen in a neglected school district."
"Why not get busy and close school for a day? Have a 'picnic dinner' and 'clean-up day.' Let the men bring rakes and mowers, hammers, nails, brushes, and paint, and the women bring things to eat and mops and brooms. You can have a good time and then go home with the feeling that you are taking an active part in the great movement for clean rural schools."

JAPANESE SHIPS TO CHANGE ROUTE

Tokio Angered by Loss of French Ship Since It Carried Supplies for Italian Wounded.

(By Associated Press) Tokio, Dec. 29.—On account of the war dangers to vessels which pass through the Suez Canal and the Mediterranean the Japan Mail Steamship Company, which controls the bulk of the shipping of this country, has decided to abandon the customary trade route, and send its steamships around the Cape of Good Hope from Colombo, Ceylon to Durban, Cape Town, Madras and London. The voyage to England will be lengthened a fortnight. Vessels from Europe to the Orient will follow the same course.

The sinking of the French steamship Villa de la Clotat has intensified the feeling aroused in Japan by the torpedoing of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. The French ship carried a large amount of medical supplies and clothing for wounded Italian soldiers, purchased with contributions by Japanese and by foreigners in this country.

The Japanese cruisers Tokwa and Chitosa are to sail tomorrow from Yokohama on a secret mission. It is believed they will go to the South seas.

LORIMER CASE SET FOR FRIDAY

(By Associated Press) Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—Former Senator William Lorimer will go to trial Friday charged with plotting to wreck the defunct La Salle Street Bank, of which he was president.

ONE DOLLAR ON THE FARM WORTH THREE IN THE CITY

In the January Woman's Home Companion Robert Lane Wells tells us why the farmer's money goes farther than the salesman's or clerk's.

"It is commonly understood," he says, "that an income of one thousand dollars a year in the country, that is, on a farm, is equivalent to three thousand dollars in the city. I judge this is a fairly safe estimate. In fact, a good many farm families seem to have no income at all, in the city sense. In the course of the year they handle surprisingly little cash. Their actual needs are few and plain, and are met in an almost direct fashion by good old Mother Nature."

"Our family account books, which I have not quoted, show that we spent the first year about one-half as much for clothing as in previous years; only a little more than one-half as much for food; nothing for rent or fire wood; practically nothing for travel or amusement. We feel, though, that we ought to spend more on amusements."

FAMILY MURDERED WITH AN AXE

(By Associated Press.) New Boston, Tex., Dec. 31.—A farmer named Mayfield and his wife and son last night were killed with an ax at their home just north of here. A son of W. J. Mayfield was arrested and charged with the murder.

ROOSEVELT AGAINST PEACE MOVEMENT

Says It Is Wicked and That Without War Would Have Been No United States.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 29.—Theodore Roosevelt, in a paper read to the American Sociological Society, today condemns the pacific movement as wicked and says that without war there would have been no United States. The paper cited several so-called pacific nations, chief of which is China, as showing the futility of such policy. In the example of Belgium he shows what protection a nation may need. The use of force altogether was condemned by some he said, but this doctrine would preclude that force used to prevent the rape of a man's wife or daughter and make the maintenance of a police force wrong.

ANOTHER DENIAL OF HOUSE MISSION

Mr. Lansing Denies Rumors That He Is to Patch Up Diplomats' Differences.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary of State Lansing today denied a published statement that Colonel E. M. House had gone to Europe to patch up rumored differences between Ambassador Page of London and Ambassadors Gerard and Penfield of Berlin and Vienna.

STRAY SONG AND STORY.

A New View of Fatherland.

(The author of this poem is an American of German descent. He was born in New York City. He studied at Harvard, where he was for a time instructor in English. He also studied at the University of Berlin. He is the author of several plays and volumes of verse. His wife is an American.)

There is no sword in my hand
Where I watch overseas.
Father's land, mother's land,
What will you say of me,
Who am blood of your German blood,
Through and through,
Yet would not, if I could,
Slaughter for you?
What will you say of one
Who has no heart
Even to cheer you on?
No heavens part,
No guiding God appears
To my strained eyes.
Athwart the fog of fears
And hates and lies,
I see no goal, I mark
No ringing message flying;
Only a brawl in the dark
And death and the groans of the dying.

For you, your men of dreams
And your strong men of deeds
Crumble and die with screams,
And under hoofs like weeds
Are trampled; for you,
In city and on hill
Voices you knew
And needed are still.
And roundabout
Harbor and shoal
The lights of your soul
Go out.

To what end, O Fatherland?
I see your legions sweep
Like waves up the gray strand.
I hear your women weep.
And the sound is as the groaning
Swish of the ebbing wave—
A nation's pitiful moaning
Beside an open grave.
Ah, Fatherland, not all
Who love you most,
Armed to triumph or fall,
March with your mighty host.
Some there are yet, as I,
Who stand apart,
And with aching heart
Ponder the Whither and Why
Of the tragic story.
Asking with bated breath,
Which way lies glory,
And which way, death?
—Hermann Hagedorn, in Poetry.

Good if Incorrect.
An examination was being held in little Emma's school and one of the questions asked was:

"Upon what do hibernating animals subsist during the winter?"
Emma thought for several minutes and then wrote:

"On the hope of a coming spring."—Chicago News.

The Frosted Pane.
One night came winter noiselessly and leaned
Against my window pane.

In the deep stillness of his heart con-
venced
The ghosts of all his slain.

Leaves, and ephemera, and stars of earth,

And fugitives of grass—
White spirits loosed from bonds of mortal birth,
He drew them on the glass.
—Charles G. D. Roberts.

Oriental Deference.
"The American ambassador," announced the imperial chamberlain, perturbedly, "refuses to wear knee breeches at court."
"Ask him if he has any objection to wearing ordinary pants with bicycle clips at the ankles," commanded the despot, who, while clinging to immemorial usage, was not indisposed to concede something to the virile democracy of the West.—Puck.

Patience.
"Plant patience in the garden of thy soul,
The root is bitter, but the fruit is sweet,
And when at last it stands a tree complete,
Beneath its grateful shade the fervent heat
And burden of the day shall love control,
Plant patience in the garden of thy soul."
—Credit lost.

SUSPECT RELEASED.

W. M. Davis, the young white man arrested here on suspicion of stealing a seven-passenger automobile which he was trying to sell here for \$125 and who gave his name as Jack Rollins, Paul Rollins and others, was released today by Sheriff Nunn on account of lack of incriminating evidence.

The car was a mixture of parts of several makes, a Buick hood, Rambler hubs and wheels, and other parts of other cars, but was easily worth more than the price asked. Mr. Nunn got in connection with officers of all the larger cities, but was unable to find where the car was stolen if it was a stolen car. The young man's name was learned and his home is in Houston, instead of New Waverly, as he stated.

BANK ROBBER DEAD.

Claude Jones Shot by Cashier of Oklahoma Bank.

[By Associated Press.] Hugo, Ok., Dec. 29.—Claude Jones, who, with Walter McFarland, robbed the bank of Grant at Grant, Ok., near here, Monday, died Tuesday of gunshot wounds. McFarland's condition is serious and his recovery is doubtful.
Jones and McFarland were shot by Cashier Webb after they had robbed and were making about with about \$4,000 of the bank's funds. The money was recovered.

GAVE PALMS FOR PARK.

The Ladies' Civic League are in receipt of a gift of ten beautiful palms from Mr. Adams, landscape gardener of the Sunset Central lines, to be planted in the Civic Park, near the H. & T. C. station. Mr. Adams laid out the park for the ladies and states that he feels an interest in its beautification. The palms arrived today and are being planted.

THREE MILLION IDLE IN U. S. EVEN IN NORMAL TIMES.

In the January Woman's Home Companion Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson says:

"The magnitude of the normal unemployment cannot be ignored. If we include agricultural pursuits, there are about 3,000,000 people idle in the United States an average of two months; 2,500,000 idle an average of five months, and about 750,000 idle an average of forty-two weeks. Finding a job, therefore, becomes a problem of skill as much as holding the job once it has been found."

"The paramount object of the new employment bureau has been to get machinery in operation by which the unemployed men and women of the country can be picked up in one place and put into another place where labor is needed. It is hoped that ultimately the industries can be so charted that it will be known just what the employing power of an industry is in the months of its maximum pay roll, and be able to know when, in any industry, the maximum and minimum will occur; and how the seasonal industries could to some extent be pitted against one another, the off season in one industry being the rush season of another, thus enabling one industry to take up the other's slack."

WAS PRESENTED AUTOMOBILE.

Mrs. Geo. B. Butler and little son and daughter returned to their home in Beaumont yesterday, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Geo. A. Adams, Dr. and Mrs. Butler, the Eagle learns, were the recipients of many beautiful gifts Christmas from the members of the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Beaumont, of which Dr. Butler is pastor, among them being a seven-passenger 1916 model Studebaker automobile.

FORMER FOOTBALL STAR IS DEAD

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 29.—Thos. L. Shevlin, 32 years old, and a former Yale football star, died today of pneumonia. Shevlin was a millionaire lumberman.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

I. J. Holligan to M. F. Dansby, 85 acres of land in the John Austin league in Brazos County; consideration \$2,000.

J. H. O'Neal to M. F. Dansby, 101 acres of land in the Richardson Perry league in Brazos County; consideration \$2,500.

Mrs. Mary Kreha et al to M. F. Dansby, one-sixth interest in 122 acres of land in the John Austin league in Brazos County; consideration \$300.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

Roger Sterling and Stella King.
Joe Regmund to Lena Friedal.

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY.

Wednesday afternoon found Miss Deolice Hickman entertaining with six tables of bridge in compliment to her guest, Mrs. Edwin Curtis of San Angelo and Miss Florence Smith of McKinney, who is with Mrs. Roger Astin for the holiday season.

Red Killarney roses and ferns formed the decoration of the living room, while in the dining room poinsettias in tall wicker baskets and holly wreaths carried out the Christmas idea.

At the conclusion of three interesting game to Miss Helen de Maret went the prize for the highest score, silk hose, and to the honorees, Mrs. Curtis and Miss Smith, a dainty pair of guest towels and a Madeira handkerchief.

With the refreshment plate came the surprise of the afternoon, the announcement that Miss Anita Park is to be the spring bride of Mr. E. P. Arneson of San Antonio. This startling bit of news was conveyed to her friends on the cleverly painted little paper dollies which ornamented the refreshment plates, bearing the words, "Anita Park—E. P. Arneson," surrounded by wedding bells.

Upon the recovery from their surprise, hearty good wishes were showered upon Miss Park by her friends, for Bryan has never had a more popular, attractive and accomplished girl than she. She will be most sorely missed from the social circles of both Bryan and College and from the musical, literary and civic clubs, of which she is a valued and interested member.

The guests of the afternoon bidden to meet Mrs. Curtis and Miss Smith and to do honor to Miss Park were Misses Sarah Allen, Cora Garth, Helen de Maret, Fannie Allen, Mary McInnis, Corinne James, Bell Ferguson of Bloomington, Ill.; Malcolm McInnis, Laura James, Clara Mahwinney, Irene Board, Allie Conway, Alice Salzman, Aline Rohde, Ruth Trigg of Birmingham, Ala.; Louise Batte, Mary Lee Trigg of Birmingham, Ala.

Mesdames Robert Burney of San Antonio, Hubert Schlafly of Carlyle, Ill.; John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, Floyd Scott of Fort Worth, B. Fiske Wright of Waco, Lawrence Parker, George Smith Jr., M. B. Parker, J. M. Gordon, T. K. Lawrence, R. L. Hearne, Larry Stephens, John A. Herrington and Frank Hood.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Eagle has been advised of the purchase from Mr. Henry Rhode of the Glenview Stock Farm by Messrs. Ridgeway and Felker of College Station. The purchase takes effect Jan. 1, 1916.

Mr. L. M. Gandy, the present manager, will be retained and the business will continue to be operated in the future much the same as it has been in the past.

The new owners announce their intentions of developing a thoroughly modern dairy and stock farm, specializing in the breeding of pure bred Jersey cattle, Berkshire hogs and Brown Leghorn chickens. The dairy herd has been replenished by eleven head of choice registered cows, formerly owned by Professor Ridgeway.

The production and delivery of a high grade quality of dairy products will be the principal aim of the farm, and to that end early improvements will be made in the present equipment and methods of delivery.

ENGLISH COIN FOR NEW YORK BANKS

[By Associated Press.]

New York, Jan. 1.—The White Star liner Baltic today brought \$35,000,000 in coin for the banks here from England.

Do You Cough?

If you do, stop it! It is easy to do so providing you take

Severa's Balsam for Lungs

in time. Try it for coughs, colds, hoarseness, bronchitis, croup and whooping cough. For adults as well as for children. Prices 25c and 50c at all druggists.

Pains in the Chest.
and various other aches and pains are quickly expelled by a thorough rubbing with SEVERA'S GOTHARD OIL. It is a liniment of soothing value. Prices: 25 and 50 cents. At all druggists.

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A. & M. COLLEGE NOTES OF INTEREST

Noted Lawyer-Evangelist to Hold Five Days' Meeting—School Resumed Today.

Raymond Robins, an evangelist of nationwide fame, conducting college campaigns under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., will conduct a five-day meeting at the A. and M. College, beginning Jan. 15. Mr. Robins is completing a tour of all the Southern institutions of learning.

Here are the subjects on which he will talk: "College Men and Civic Leadership;" "The Challenge of the Changing Social Order;" "The Fundamentals in the Industrial Conflict;" "Mastery and Power," and a final address on Jan. 18.

Mr. Robins went to the gold fields in Alaska in the early days and made a lucky strike. He then turned to New York, where he became a lawyer of great power. Recently he left his practice to work with college men, bearing his own expenses.

A. and M. College Reopens With Full Attendance.

After a ten-day Christmas holiday, school reopened today at the A. and M. College. Lessons were called at 8 o'clock this morning with practically a full attendance of cadets. About 150 students remained on the campus. All of these men were employed during the holidays.

Investigating Crude Fibre Content in Cotton Seed Meal.

Officials of the feed control service, administered from the experiment station at the A. and M. College, and leading oil mill operators of Texas have been engaged in a friendly controversy over the relations governing the sale of cotton seed meal. Much cotton seed meal that has failed to meet the requirements of the feed control service has been sold this year and where violations have been discovered legal steps to prevent the sale of this feed have been taken by the feed control officials. Millers contend that the standards for crude fibre content are too low and are asking that this ruling be changed. Crude fibre in cotton seed meal in excess of the standards of the feed control service indicate adulteration by use of cotton seed hulls in the meal, says Director Youngblood. In as much as the average of crude fibre content has fallen below the maximum limits set by the service, Director Youngblood has not considered favorably the request of the mill operators.

Basket Ball Prospects Bright at College Station.

The thud of the basket ball can be heard at the A. and M. College. Basket ball practice was conducted this afternoon by Coach Graves and Captain "Nick" Braumiller. Most of the men who are candidates for positions on the five are in fairly good shape in spite of Christmas "eats." With eighteen men from last year's squad out for the team, prospects for a good season at A. and M. are bright. The first game will be played Jan. 8 with the Sam Houston Normal team.

WEATHER BULLETIN

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Washington, Jan. 3.—The last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbances to cross the continent on Jan. 3 to 7, warm wave Jan. 2 to 6, cool wave Jan. 5 to 9. This covers a period of severe storms. Less than usual precipitation is expected east of the Rockies, but some heavy rains are probable in the middle Southwest, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Unusual weather events are expected during the week centering on Jan. 4. We have located the storm to be on meridian 90 about Jan. 5. This may vary a little and we warn you to remain near good shelter at that time. A dangerous storm off our northern coasts is expected and an earthquake in the southeast quarter of the United States. The storm predicted for Dec. 14-16 caused more rain than expected in the middle Southwest.

The next disturbance will reach the Pacific coast about Jan. 7, cross the Pacific slope by the close of Jan. 8, central valleys Jan. 9 to 11, eastern sections Jan. 12. Warm wave will cross the Pacific slope about Jan. 7, central valleys Jan. 9, eastern sections Jan. 11. Cool wave will cross the Pacific slope about Jan. 10, central valleys Jan. 12, eastern sections Jan. 14.

This will be a severe storm on the Pacific slope and in the Rockies, but will lose force in the central valleys. About Jan. 12 or 13 this storm will increase in force and will be more severe on the Atlantic. A great fall in temperatures will be general from Jan. 5 to 12 and rains and snows are expected. But the general average of precipitation is not expected to be large.

This brings us to a great change in

weather conditions. The general average of precipitation for three months has been small as predicted and for the balance of January, 12th to 31st, a large increase in precipitation is expected. During that period three-fourths of the inhabited part of this continent will get excesses of precipitation. From Jan. 12 to 20 mostly rain and from Jan. 20 to 31 largely snow in the northern sections.

Again we warn you of immensely bad weather Jan. 20 to 29. Northern railroads will probably have snow blockades in the Rockies, the whole country between the Rockies and Alleghenies will be swept by blizzards which may penetrate all northeastern sections.

In all matters pertaining to agricultural products we are for the interests of producers and consumers and against all interests that are injurious to those two elements. We live in a time of thorough organization. Labor is organized; capital is organized; the industries are organized, each in its own interest, as they have a perfect right to be. But how about farmers and consumers? They have some isolated organizations, too small to be of any general benefit. They constitute classes very difficult to organize, but without general organization they can not be getting all that belongs to them. Supply and demand should govern prices, but this just law cannot be made effective in the interests of producers and consumers without those organizations.

ACQUIRING A FARM.

(By Wm. L. Cavert.)

The question is frequently raised as to whether, under present conditions, it is possible for a young man with no capital but health and industry to acquire a farm of his own. In Washington County Minnesota, lives James Blank, a young farmer whose experience should be an encouragement to other young farmers. But his real name isn't Blank.

This young farmer, leaving home and parents, came to this country from Sweden at 17 years of age. For nine years he worked as a farm hand for the best farmers in the county. Practically all of the nine years were spent in the employ of two farmers. After nine years of apprenticeship as a farm hand, he had saved sufficient money so that he was able to buy a small farm equipment and rent a farm. As with many other young farmers, the time of changing from hired man to tenant was that of his marriage.

After three years he bought for \$5,000 the 120-acre place which he was then farming as a tenant. Since buying the original place he has bought another forty acres. Now he owns 160 acres, worth, with improvements, about \$8,000, and farm equipment, in the way of live stock, feed and machinery, worth \$3,100. There is a \$1,000 mortgage on the farm. Deducting this, leaves the young farmer worth \$10,100.

During the year of 1914 this farmer made \$1,250 as his labor income. In other words, he had \$1,250 for his own work above farm expenses, and 5 per cent interest on the investment of \$11,100.

The secret of this young man's success seems to have been good health, good business judgment in managing the farm business, frugal living, industry and a knowledge of the most successful methods of handling crops and live stock as learned from successful farmers during his apprenticeship as a hired man.

SCHOOLS REOPENED.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College and the schools of Bryan reopened today after a two weeks' vacation for Christmas. Quite a large number of the students of the schools are yet to return and for this reason the classes at Villa Maria and Allen Academy were suspended until tomorrow. The classes at the city schools, Bryan Baptist Academy and A. and M. College opened, however, on schedule time.

FILLED BAPTIST PULPIT.

By invitation, Professor Firth of Allen Academy filled the pulpit of the First Baptist Church at the evening service yesterday. A large congregation was present to hear him and the discourse was a plain, forceful presentation of the riches and truths of God's word and was edifying and helpful for all who heard it. He spoke on the temptations of Jesus, using as the basis for his remarks the familiar Scripture reciting the contest between Jesus and Satan and the final victory of the Saviour over the wiles of the Devil, the resisting of all temptation and the placing of Satan behind him. The practical application of the lesson was in showing how temptation begins with us, how determined and how persistent it is, and the supreme need for us to emulate the example of Jesus and put the tempter and his wiles behind us. It was a splendid discourse, helpful and uplifting.

FORD PEACE PARTY TO ESCAPE MINES

Germany Grants Permission to Go to The Hague by Special Non-Stop Train.

[By Associated Press.]
Copenhagen, Jan. 3.—The German government gives the Ford peace party permission to travel through Germany. They are to go to The Hague by special nonstop train, with the doors sealed. This eliminates the danger of sailing through the heavily mined North Sea. Strict traveling conditions will be imposed.

POSTOFFICE RECEIPTS.

That the Bryan postoffice receipts are still increasing is shown by a comparison of the receipts for December, 1915, with the receipts in December, 1914. The comparison is as follows:
Receipts for December, 1915, \$1,631.14
Receipts for December, 1914, 1,467.22

Increase in 1915 over 1914, \$163.92

A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD.

At the Christian Church last night the pastor, Rev. J. C. Welch, diverged from the usual course of a pulpit sermon and instead entertained his audience for more than an hour discussing the customs of foreign countries and the urgent need to enlighten the heathens or so-called uncivilized people in many foreign nations, for whom the Christian Church is doing so much in the way of missions.

To introduce the story, Rev. Welch began by showing many articles or curios from the various nations, many of little significance to us, but of great meaning or importance to many of those who have not had the advantage this country enjoys. These little specimens were a source of curiosity to many of the audience.

Following this part of the lecture the lights were thrown and many real views and photographs, lately secured from the fields of work, carried on through the Christian Church by their missionaries, were shown of Japan, India, Philippine Islands, China, Thibet and Africa, and were interesting and instructive.

Japan, with a population of little more than half that of the United States or about 60,000,000 people, only one-fifth know anything about the Christian religion.

India, more than three times larger than we are in numbers (to be exact 315,000,000) with one-third Protestant. In the Philippine Islands, which are densely populated, only one-fourth of the people have been reached by missionaries.

China, with 400,000,000 of people, one-fourth are studying our religion. In Africa, with a population of 150,000,000, but one-fifth have yet been reached by missionaries.

Thibet, about which little is known, is the last country that has been invaded by this church and the only Protestant church doing work in that land.

The pictures reveal many pathetic, amusing and interesting scenes of the countries mentioned, and the speaker explained each view shown on the screen, enabling the audience to understand and enjoy the lecture thoroughly.

SAMPLE-KELLY.

A wedding of quite a little prominence during the holidays was that of Mr. Lynn Sample and Miss Helen Kelly, both of this country, who were united in marriage Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Rev. J. M. Bullock of this city, Rev. Bullock officiating.

Both young people are members of prominent families of Brazos County and their many friends join in expressing hearty congratulations and best wishes.

The bride is a daughter of Wiley Kelly of Wixon, was born and reared in Brazos County, and is one of the county's best and most popular young ladies.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sample of Cottonwood and is a prosperous young farmer and an excellent young man.

Mr. and Mrs. Sample will make their home at Cottonwood.

TENDERED BANQUET.

Eagle Employees Compliment Retiring Manager.

On Saturday evening at 8 o'clock the employees of the Eagle Printing Company tendered Mr. M. E. Wallace, the retiring manager, a banquet at the New York cafe. It was a beautiful courtesy and one of the most pleasant social affairs Bryan has known this season. It had been perfectly arranged in advance and the manner in which the caterer executed his instructions completed a perfectly appointed affair.

The participants assembled at the office of the company at 8 o'clock and

went in a body to the cafe, where the banquet was served.

Preceding the banquet, the employees of the company presented Mr. Wallace with an elegant Knights of Pythias charm as a token of the very high esteem in which he is held by each and every one of his associates. The presentation was made briefly by A. J. Buchanan and responded to very gracefully by the recipient, who reviewed at home length the printing history of Bryan and the part he had had in making it. He closed by expressing a desire for future pleasant relations and associations, both socially and in a business way.

The menu was elaborate, the height of the culinary art and thoroughly enjoyed by each guest.

Those present were M. E. Wallace, A. D. Graham, Coleman Hardy, J. F. Looney, M. D. Hall, Luther Johnson, Alvin Jackson, O. E. Minkert, George E. Sorrell and A. J. Buchanan.

NEW CAFE OPENED.

The Hostetter Cafe, next door to the gent's furnishing house of Brandon & Lawrence, is now open for business. The proprietor, Mr. Hostetter, and his wife are behind the counter, which insures first-class service in their line—short orders and lunches. They have also tables for ladies. The chef, Tom Williams, is an old time Bryan cook and is noted for his fine pastry. This new enterprise is making a specialty of good coffee with whipped cream, and patrons enjoy excellent music while being served by a large Victrola, which adorns the rear of the cafe.

BOUGHT OUT PARTNER.

J. E. Carrington, formerly a joint proprietor with R. P. Lee of the Bank Barber Shop, has purchased Mr. Lee's share of the business and has taken charge. Mr. Lee will remain in the shop and will have charge of his chair as usual. He wishes his friends and patrons to continue their visits to him at the shop.

ONE PLEA OF GUILTY.

Today was regular criminal day in the justice court of this precinct and one plea of guilty was entered before Justice of the Peace McGee. Sim Adams, colored, plead guilty to a charge of disturbing the peace and was fined \$1 and costs. Thirty-five gaming cases were postponed until next Tuesday, Jan. 11.

PEVERLEY-DILLARD.

At the season of yuletide which creates an atmosphere of joyousness and a continuous flow of genuine happiness, it naturally behooves Hymen to contemplate the union of two lives whose destiny will be a perfect symbolism of happiness. On Dec. 27 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. M. E. Weaver a ceremony of beautiful solemnity was performed by Dr. M. E. Weaver, uniting the lives of Miss Irene Dillard of Hearne and Mr. Harry Peverley. The nuptials came as a surprise to the many friends of the young couple, who extend to them good wishes and congratulations.

The bride wore a handsome traveling suit of dark brown cloth, fur trimmed, with lace blouse and hat and accessories in harmony. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dillard of Hearne, and has frequently visited in Bryan as a guest of her cousin, Mrs. J. A. Myers, and her return to the city as a bride will be cordially welcomed. She is popular socially, highly educated and accomplished. Her sincere sweetness and perfect charm of manner will win for her many new friends in this, her new home.

Mr. Peverley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Peverley, and is a thoroughly substantial young man, whose aims and ideals are the highest. He possesses noble and manly attributes of character and is very popular among his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Peverley are now visiting in Houston and Galveston, and on their return will be at home to their friends at the home of the groom's parents.

BIDS TOO HIGH ON A. & M. BUILDINGS

Plans Were Revised and an Adjustment Reached With Bidders—Action Will Be Approved.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 1.—At a meeting of the building committee of the board of managers of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, held here Friday, an adjustment was reached between the plans and bidders for the construction of a \$50,000 hospital and a \$10,000 model barn at the college. All but one of the bids exceeded the appropriation. The plans were revised and will be approved by the fire insurance commission and the state inspector of masonry. Members of the committee are A. B. Davidson, Cuero; W. B. Brihan, Bell County, and H. Kubena, Fayetteville.

TRUSTEES WOULDN'T LET BROOKS RESIGN

Preferred to Give Candidate for Senatorship Leave of Absence During Campaign.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 3.—At a special meeting of the board of trustees of Baylor University called to consider the resignation of Dr. S. P. Brooks, which Dr. Brooks tendered on Dec. 17, a resolution was adopted granting Dr. Brooks a leave of absence from date to Sept. 1, 1916.

The board would not accept Dr. Brooks' resignation, the resolution declaring that Dr. Brooks "can and will during his candidacy render much valuable service in directing both the education and financial affairs of Baylor University."

Dr. Brooks tendered his resignation to devote his whole time to his candidacy for the United States senatorship.

5 CONFEDERATE VETERANS DIED.

Spread of Grippe Claims Victims at Austin Home.

[By Associated Press.]

Austin, Tex., Jan. 4.—Largely as a result of the prevalence of la grippe, five inmates of the Confederate Home have died in the last three days. Thomas J. Calhoun, 79, admitted from Dallas, died Saturday; W. H. Maddox, 72, admitted from Melissa, and Isaac N. George, 84, died Sunday; Levi Bankston, 78, of Austin and John T. Hodges, 70, of Lee County, died Monday.

ROUSING MEETING BUSINESS MEN

Outline Work of Coming Year—Cotton Situation Discussed—Meeting at Court House Jan. 15.

A called meeting of the directors and members of the Commercial Club was held in the club rooms at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with President E. J. Fountain presiding and the following directors present: L. L. McInnis, J. T. Maloney, R. S. Webb Sr., A. M. Waldrop, M. E. Wallace and J. Webb Howell.

By invitation the following members were present and took active part in the proceedings: J. D. Martin, Clarence Ousley, C. C. French, W. C. Davis, John C. Vick, Eugene Edge, Joe B. Reed, Professor W. C. Lawson, B. Kaczer, Professor J. H. Allen, Professor M. H. Elliott, Professor G. M. Garren, A. W. Buchanan, W. R. Fairman, General H. B. Stoddard, W. S. Wilson Jr., W. R. Sanders and others.

The secretary explained that the purpose of the meeting was to consider plans of operation for the year 1916. The president then called on Clarence Ousley to discuss the cotton situation now confronting the South.

Mr. Ousley complied with this request by reading a very exhaustive paper dealing primarily with the question of increased acreage and its probable effect on the price of the 12,000,000 bales of cotton now in the hands of the producer and the cotton factor and yet to be marketed, as well as its effect on the price of the 1916 crop. He showed very clearly and unmistakably that any increase of acreage for 1916 over that of 1915 means a material reduction in the price of the staple. And as planting time is near at hand, the increased acreage, if in fact it is increased, will be known to the spinners far in advance of the selling of the 12,000,000 bales yet to go on the market, all of which will tend to depress the price of the crop now on hand, as well as the price of the crop soon to be planted. Mr. Ousley showed conclusively that the only safe and sensible course for our farmers to pursue is to keep the 1915 acreage within the limits of the 1915 acreage, and that even a reduction of acreage would be a safe course.

At the conclusion of Mr. Ousley's paper the president called on Mr. C. C. French of the extension department of the A. and M. College. Mr. French was for ten years connected with the Fort Worth Stock Yards Company, during which time he organized many baby beef and pig clubs among the boys of Texas. Mr. French explained this work very clearly and pointed out how it had resulted in inducing whole communities to raise their home supplies of pork products rather than to risk buying these with cotton money.

At the conclusion of Mr. French's talk the president called on Professor H. M. Elliott of the extension department of the A. and M. College to discuss the manufacture of peanuts into oil and cake or meal. This new industry is attracting a great deal of attention in Texas, owing to a desire on the part of the farmers to keep the cotton acreage within safe limits. Mr. Elliott's investigations show that a

bushel of peanuts will produce a little more than a gallon of peanut oil that is superior to cotton seed oil for some purposes, and that the oil from the peanut is selling on the market now for 11c to 16c per gallon above the price of cotton seed oil. The feeding value of the peanut cake and meal is yet to be determined, though present indications would seem to fix its value equal to or above the value of cotton seed meal or cake.

After Mr. Elliott's talk quite a number of those present expressed the belief that the growing of peanuts on a commercial scale in Brazos County is a feasible undertaking.

On motion of the secretary, it was decided to hold a farmers' meeting at the court house on Saturday, Jan. 15, at which time Mr. Ousley will discuss the cotton situation and Mr. Elliott will discuss the peanut industry. At this meeting J. Webb Howell, manager of the Bryan Cotton Oil Company will be prepared to tell the farmers whether or not his mill will be ready to crush peanuts on a commercial scale the coming season.

On motion of Mayor L. L. McInnis the secretary and the president were authorized to arrange details for entertaining farmers who attend this meeting Saturday, Jan. 15.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

H. L. McKnight, Secretary.

RURAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

A school election was held in rural school district No. 17 at Smetana one day this week on the proposition of abrogating the special school tax of 25c on the \$100 heretofore levied. The proposition was defeated by a vote of 53 against and 25 for, and the tax will remain.

An election was also held in the Knob Prairie district for the purpose of levying a special school tax not to exceed 50c on the \$100. The proposition carried by a vote of 9 for and 0 against.

LEASED BOWLING ALLEY.

Marion Brockman has leased the Bryan bowling alley from its former proprietors, Tom Hanus and Fred Kohler and will conduct same in the future. Mr. Brockman plans to have the alleys worked over by an expert in the business and new balls and other material will be purchased to make the place thoroughly up to date.

DR. BROOKS TO STAND PAT.

Announcement of Campbell Not Affecting His Race.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 1.—The announcement by former Governor Thomas M. Campbell that he would be a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Charles A. Culberson did not make the slightest ripple in the senatorial plans of Samuel Palmer Brooks, president of Baylor University. When seen last night Dr. Brooks smilingly said that he was in the race for keeps, and that he proposed to stay in the race until the votes were counted.

RESIGNED AS ALDERMAN.

R. E. Cole has returned to Fort Worth after spending Christmas with his wife and son in this city. Mr. Cole's household goods have been shipped to Fort Worth and he will make his home in that city in future. He will be joined by his wife and child in a few days. Mr. Cole has tendered a written resignation as alderman to Mayor Harris and the board of aldermen, same to take effect at once. The matter will be brought before the council at their next regular meeting on Jan. 14.

A STEP FORWARD.

It has been said that our foreign population does not so readily take hold of progressive measures for education as we feel they ought to do. We must not forget, however, that they were born and reared under altogether different ideals from what we are accustomed to. And yet they are falling into line. School district No. 23, composed of Italians, voted unanimously on the 29th inst. for a school tax. On the same day district No. 17, made up largely—almost entirely I believe—of Bohemians and Italians, voted in favor of a tax. This district has peculiar troubles, and yet our Bohemian and Italian friends caught the American spirit in No. 17 and voted for the tax more than 2 to 1, or more exactly, 53 for to 25 against. The public school is America's great melting pot. It is the blending agent of all nationalities into a democracy of intelligent, aspiring and loyal American manhood. Universal intelligence, backed by Christianity, is and is to be the bulwark of our liberties. A New Year's greeting to our Bohemian and Italian citizens! Their faces are turned toward the light.

E. R. WILLIAMS.

Bryan, Tex., Dec. 31, 1915.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Giuseppe St. Mauro and Miss Giuseppe Saccolle.

Frank Prewett and Alberta Turner.